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RECC mgr. Bill Duncan is retiring

Kerry Howard named
manager; assumes
duties January 3rd

Bill Duncan of Campton, who has served this area for 21 years as general manager of Licking Valley RECC, retired this week.

Duncan became general manager and chief executive officer of the Licking Valley RECC at West Liberty in 1984 after a successful career in rural electrification that began in 1956 in Louisville. Ron Sheets, president of the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives, called Duncan's career in rural electrification "extraordinary."

In a letter published elsewhere in this edition, Sheets said, "I have never known anyone with such a fierce, loyal and enduring dedication to Kentucky's electric cooperatives, and particularly to their local cooperative, as Bill Duncan. He quite literally did not only his job, but at least one or two other positions in the organization in order to save the co-op members money. Sixty and seventy hour weeks are routine with Bill Duncan."

Duncan's retirement became effective Jan. 3.

Kerry Howard of Salyersville has been hired as the co-op's new general manager. Howard has served for ten years as a member of the co-op's board of directors and for the past year has worked as assistant manager at the cooperative.

Licking Valley RECC provides electricity to residents of Morgan, Wolfe, Magoffin, and Breathitt counties.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



We would be remiss if we did not note with sorrow the passing of Dorothy Wheeler who died last month. Dorothy was a dedicated public servant, always willing to work in the trenches, to handle the mundane, but necessary tasks — as treasurer, secretary, committee chair, reporter, you name it.

Pleasant, competent, dedicated, Dorothy will be missed by her many friends and virtually every civic group with which she was associated.

She will be missed at The Courier, where her cheerful service as a contributing reporter was absolutely indispensable. After writing about the Sorghum Festival for about 15 years, ye editor ran out of ways to tell the story. The mere thought of writing another Sorghum Festival story sent us into a cold sweat — our mind simply rebelled. There are just *so many* ways to write the same story year end, year out without repeating yourself.

But Dorothy could, and did, and we appreciated her more than we could ever convey to her. She, too, discovered the difficulty of writing the same story over and over, but unlike us, she never white-eyed. We depended on her — as did the community and the numerous organizations of which she was a dedicated member.

—EWK



Among the providers participating in the Gateway Community Services Organization's Housing Expo in West Liberty Dec. 16 were, from left, Robert Murphy, Gateway; Anthony Henry, realtor; Jamie Williamson, KHC (Frankfort); Carrie McKenzie, Carrie McKenzie, Sandra Howard, and Michele Blackford, KHC (West Liberty), and Kevin Ratliff, Gateway.

Affordable housing agencies' goal

On December 16, Gateway Community Services Organization sponsored a Housing Expo at the Community Center in West Liberty. On hand to present a variety of housing-related information to participants were bankers, builders, realtors, suppliers, and government officials.

Participants were afforded the opportunity to speak with representatives from USDA Rural Housing and Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC), both of which are major providers of financing for low- and moderate-price housing.

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Need info, photos of local soldiers in war zones

The Courier is seeking information for publication about local service men and women currently serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. Please send information, along with a photo of the service man or woman, including branch of service, name, rank, unit, home address, names and address of spouses, children, parents, etc., to The Licking Valley Courier, P.O. Box 187, West Liberty, Ky. 41472.

2006 Relay for Life kick off slated Jan. 17

Millions of people have joined the fight, the fight against cancer. Many have done so by participating in Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society's team event to fight cancer.

The event will return to Morgan County on June 9, 2006. The public is invited to learn more about Relay for Life at a kick off on January 17, 2006, at the Morgan County Community Center. The event will start at 5:30 p.m.

The 2005 Relay for Life in Morgan County was a successful event, raising \$36,000.00 for the American Cancer Society.

"We're excited about our plans for 2006 and look forward to having new teams and participants join us," said Ashley Stamper, 2006 event chair. "This kick off is just the beginning of great things to come."

For more information about Relay for Life, call the American Cancer Society anytime at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

48 candidates now filed for county posts

23 hopefuls seeking nominations for fiscal court; all Democrats

As of Tuesday morning, the list of candidates who had filed for local county and district offices in next spring's primary election had grown to 48. The deadline for candidates to file is Jan. 31.

Others have announced intentions to run for local offices, but candidates who had officially filed for county and district races as of Tuesday morning are:

Judge Executive — Tim Conley, Republican, incumbent.

PVA — Darrell Bradley, Democrat, incumbent.

Circuit Clerk — Donna Leach Pelfrey, Democrat, incumbent.

County Attorney — Steve O'Connor, Democrat, incumbent.

County Clerk — Randy Williams, Democrat, incumbent.

Sheriff — Deborah Sparks, Democrat; Mickey Whitt, Democrat, incumbent; Roger Benton, Democrat.

Jailer — Darrell Patrick, Jimmy Darrell Easterling, Phillip "Hoggie" McGuire, Sammy Cantrell, all Democrats; Rick Barker, Republican.

County Surveyor — Joseph B. Curd, Jr., Democrat, incumbent.

Coroner — Jody Oldham, Democrat.

Magistrate Dist. 1 — Ronnie Williams, Democrat; Chris Adams, Democrat; Denzil Potter, Democrat, incumbent, George Weddington, Democrat.

Magistrate Dist. 2 — Randy

Cantrell, Democrat; Donna Gambill, Democrat; Tony Ball, Democrat.

Magistrate Dist. 3 — Brandon Elam, Democrat; Doren Andrew Bradley, Democrat; Stanley Riggsby, Democrat; Dennie Lewis, Democrat; Tommy Fannin, Democrat; Jimmy Blair, Democrat; Tim Smith, Decocrat.

Magistrate Dist. 4 — Frankie Spencer, Democrat; Junior Ray Montgomery, Democrat; Johnnie Ray Smith, Democrat; Henry Keeton, Democrat.

Magistrate Dist. 5 — Bill Gullett, Democrat; Bobby Adkins, Democrat; Douglas Vance, Democrat; Robert "Bob" Phipps, Democrat; Burton Stacy, Democrat.

Constable Dist. 1 — Steve Pelfrey, Democrat.

Constable Dist. 3 — Everett "David" Elliott, Jr., Democrat; Ronald Caskey, Democrat.

Constable Dist. 4 — Jarred Reed Murphy, Democrat.

Constable Dist. 5 — Leroy Phipps, Democrat; Larry Adams, Democrat.

Commonwealth's Attorney — David D. Flatt, Sandy Hook, Democrat, incumbent.

Candidates who have filed for non-partisan judicial races are:

Circuit Judge — Michael B. Fox, Olive Hill.

District Judge — Rupert Wilhoit, Grayson; Kimberly Ison Gevedon, West Liberty, incumbent.

7th District Court of Appeals — Jamet L. Stumbo, Van Lear; Sara Combs; Stanton; David A. Barber, Prestonsburg, incumbent.

Project underway to develop riding, ATV, hiking trail in county

Planned as a part of Hatfield-McCoy Trail System in three states

By Miranda Cantrell

Last August, the Morgan County Fiscal Court adopted a resolution supporting Skyward Trails, a program to develop a proposed Hatfield-McCoy Kentucky Trail System in Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia.

The resolution, which was proposed by the Prestonsburg-based Kentucky Mountain Trails Development Coalition, Inc., allows the organization to develop an interconnected system of public recreational trails throughout the region.

The trails, which would be de-

veloped with federally-funded grants, are intended for ATV offroading, horseback riding, hiking, and other outdoor recreational activities.

Morgan County Judge Executive Tim Conley said Morgan County's participation in the trail system could stimulate economic growth for the area.

"Harlan County has seen \$1.5 million in economic growth since the advent of their trail system," Conley said. "We plan to have trail heads in every community to spur economic growth here as well — in gas, food and parking sales."

Conley said Morgan County Skyward Trails Coalition members are currently considering two possibilities for mapping and routing of the trail.

"One idea is that the trail could start at the Morgan-Johnson county line and run along Bolin Ridge," Conley said. "Then it would continue around the edge of Straight Creek and into Wrigley, go around Woodbend through Ezel, and then into Wolfe County."

"Another possibility is a split loop — meaning the trail would still start at the Morgan-Johnson county line and run along Bolin Ridge, but then continue to the edge of the Morgan-Magoffin county line, go across White Oak and Cannel City and into Wolfe County."

Coalition members are also working to ensure that landowners will be protected.

"We are currently cooperating with state legislators to get tax breaks for landowners that give a 12-foot rightaway to the coalition for trail construction," Conley said. "We are also making sure that legislation will take liability off landowners."

Conley also said that Skyward Trails coalitions from all participating counties are meeting this month to elect an executive board. Morgan County Skyward Trails Coalition members are Judge Conley, Suzette Oldfield, Wallace Rose, Tony Patrick, and Rex Childers.

Several Eastern Kentucky counties — including Breathitt, Harlan, Johnson, Letcher, Martin, Morgan, Perry, Pike and Wolfe — have adopted Skyward Trails, though the Magoffin County Fiscal Court recently rejected the resolution due to lack of public input.

Reception today for new 4-H Agent

The Morgan County 4-H Council and Extension Service will host a reception today, Thursday, Jan. 5, to welcome Kim Cox as new County 4-H Youth Development Agent. The reception will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Morgan County Extension Service Office in West Liberty. Everyone is invited to come by and welcome our new agent.

MON. NEWS AD DEADLINE

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Alli Nickell

Alli Nickell to compete in 2006 Ky. Junior Miss

Morgan County Junior Miss Alli Nickell will be competing in the 2006 Kentucky Junior Miss program Jan. 13-14.

The 48th state program will be held at the Singletary Center for the Arts on the campus of the University of Kentucky, in Lexington. The winner of Kentucky's Junior Miss will go on to compete in America's Junior Miss, which will be held in Mobile, Ala., in June. Tickets for the program can be purchased through the Singletary Center box office at 859-257-4929.

Alli, the 17-year-old daughter of Kent and Kim Nickell of West Liberty, was selected as Morgan County's Junior Miss in June 2005. Alli received \$1,900 in cash scholarships, and a four-year scholarship to Morehead State University. Alli was also the winner in the fitness and talent categories.

The local Junior Miss program is sponsored by the Morgan County Woman's Club.

Alli has been hard at work in preparation for the state program. She will leave Friday, Jan. 6, for Lexington to begin rehearsals. She will perform in the talent competition on Jan. 13 and will compete in the fitness and self-expression segments on Jan. 14.

Greetings and well wishes can be sent to Alli at her host family's house in Lexington. Her host parents are Robin and Peggy Brooks, 4958 Hartland Parkway, Lexington, KY, 40515.

Good luck, Alli; we know you will do a great job!

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Mountain Telephone employees would like to say congratulations to the winners of our Christmas drawings and thank you to everyone who participated. Winner of the decorated tree and wreath was Mrs. Fami Adkins of West Liberty, shown above with son, Chris. Winner of the children's Christmas box was Miss Tabitha Gross of Wolfe Co., shown above with MRTC employee, Maria Motley.

Happy New Year to all!



Congratulations to all the young artists who participated in the Mountain Telephone Ornament Decorating Contest. Winners were: 5yrs. & under Dakota Caudill, 6-7 yrs.—Brianna Bolin, 8-9 yrs.—Katelin Caudill, 10-12 yrs.—Blossom Boone. Pictured above are Katelin and Dakota Caudill in photo on left and Brianna Bolin on right. Photo unavailable for Blossom Boone.

Thanks to everyone and Happy New Year!



Mountain Telephone



EVES wins district attendance award

Principal Tommy Potter, along with the faculty and staff at East Valley Elementary, would like to congratulate students (above) who received the district-wide attendance award, with 95.51 percent attendance, for month three. PTCO, a valued partner in education, treated the students to a special celebration. The school emphasizes the importance of good attendance to ensure greater academic success. Congratulations students; keep up the good work!

Are alternative sources of energy the answer to high oil, gasoline, gas prices?

By Ann Hillenbrand

Energy is a hot topic these days with the rising gasoline, heating oil and natural gas prices, as well as how our use of fossil fuels affect the environment. The prospect of alternative energies such as biodiesel fuel, solar and nuclear power may not seem too far off — and could be the answer to saving the environment for future generations.

Radford University physics professor Rhett Herman says that the easily recoverable oil, which is the least expensive, will be depleted by 2020. What then?

Herman says there are several ways to obtain oil, but many are more difficult than just pulling it out of the ground. There is shale oil buried in areas such as the Rocky Mountains, Canada and Siberia. The shale is dug up, pulverized, heated, refined and turned into gasoline. Oil sands in Canada and Siberia can be treated and gasoline can be extracted.

The gasification of coal is an option, Herman says. The current supply of coal, which has a high sulfur content, could last hundreds of years. The technology of creating clean energy from coal

is available, but expensive.

"It all comes down to how much we are willing to spend before we decide to make a change," Herman says.

Herman thinks nuclear energy could be the future of energy.

"We know how to produce nuclear energy safely," Herman says. "But people are scared of it. They don't understand that you get more radiation during a day of sunning at the beach in Pennsylvania, because of the latest in safety technology."

He cites the Chernobyl accident in Russia as a horrible example of what could happen when the safety specifications are ignored in the construction of a power plant. But by using the knowledge the nuclear industry has at its fingertips, a similar accident in the U.S. would not happen, Herman explains. Also, the capability to store nuclear waste safely long enough to lose its radioactivity is common knowledge among nuclear experts.

France is a great example of a country utilizing nuclear power, Herman says. In 1999, France had 58 nuclear reactors supplying a significant percentage of its

energy.

"I don't think the U.S. would move forward with alternative energies until it is forced to," Herman says.

What does all this mean for planet Earth? According to the scientific community, Herman says, the planet can heal on its own if steps are taken to reduce pollution. He gives the example of the growth of the ozone hole in the Antarctic due to the increase in the use of the chlorofluorocarbons in household items such as refrigerators. Once the use of CFCs was banned, evidence shows, the hole has stopped growing. Herman says that there are scientific indications that the hole will actually start to shrink and return to historically normal levels in a few decades.

"Can the planet recover?" Herman says. "Sure. We need to consciously stop throwing things out of balance and start being proactive in providing viable solutions to our energy problems. The scientific community knows what those solutions are. We just need to use them."



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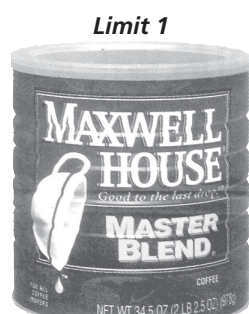


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We've Had Enough!

UNITE To Sponsor Anti-Drug March Here

Hello from Judge Executive Tim Conley and staff!

As I write this week's article, I remember the hurt and pain of losing a loved one to death. I remember the good times and happy times that I had with my dad, but know the hope that he left behind. I know he lived a long, healthy life and his time on earth had to come to an end. I still miss him and think about how short 78 years really are.

This brings me to my topic for this week's article: Drugs — they are bad, they are addictive, and they are deadly. Over the past couple of months, I have been to the funeral home and watched families as they have said goodbye to loved ones of young ages. Teenagers, 20- and 30-year-olds; such short lives and the hurt that the families live with. My heart breaks for these families, and after someone overdoses, we ask ourselves, "What could we have done differently?"

When someone has turned to drugs and has gotten addicted, they have a serious life-threatening disease. As parents and grandparents, we have got to learn from our mistakes and begin to show some tough love. I try to teach my own children that if they lie, cheat, steal, etc., they will lose my respect. I will continue to love them, but they will have to earn back my respect.

When someone goes to court for drugs, we, as parents sometimes will say, "Let's give them one more chance!" When drug users get one more chance, the problem usually gets worse. Morgan County, before we can fix our problems, we have to admit that we have a problem. One overdose

The Judge's Corner

By Tim Conley
Judge Executive



is one too many; one home being broken into is one too many. One theft of prescription drugs from family members is one too many.

Here are some things you can do that might help:

- Ask your child how much money they have and where they got it from.
- Keep your prescription drugs counted and make sure they are all there.
- Check drawers in your home; some people think that this is taking away your kids' privacy, but you as a parent are responsible for what is in your house.
- You need to know! You do not have to eavesdrop, but occasionally listen to your children's phone calls to make sure they are having good conversations.
- Take time to talk to your family and be a part of their lives. Do not just take them to a church/youth group ballgame, etc. Go with them and be a part of their lives.

On Jan. 29, Operation UNITE is going to sponsor a Morgan County march against drugs. We have had enough! Come and hear a few remarks and be counted. Let's make a difference.

We have had enough death!
We have had enough pain!
We have had enough tears!
We have had enough sorrow!
WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH DRUGS!

Old News Journal

By W. Lynn Nickell

Material taken from the Licking Valley Courier—Earl Kinner, Sr., editor.

By Lynn Nickell
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"Where the Past is Always Present"

December 7, 1944
Keetons Move
Dec. 7, 1944 — D.R. Keeton, of West Liberty, has purchased a nice home in Ashland, and he and Mrs. Keeton expect to move there soon. Mr. Keeton has been a federal revenue agent here for many years. His son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Davis, are to live with them in Ashland. Mr. Davis is the principal of the junior high school in Russell, and Mrs. Davis teaches in the Ashland city schools.

Dec. 14, 1944
Commercial Bank Reaches \$2 Million Mark
Reflecting a growing prosperity in Morgan County, resources of the Commercial Bank in West Liberty reached the \$2 million mark this week. Organized in 1910, the Commercial Bank absorbed the Morgan County National Bank of Cannel City in 1939. Officers of the bank are Floyd Arnett, president; J.D. Whitaker, vice president; C.K. Stacy, cashier; and W.G. Ratliff, assistant cashier.

Blue Devils Go On A Two-Day Trip
Coach Elmer Craft's Blue Devils, idle for a week due to icy roads, will go to Floyd and Pike Counties Friday and Saturday. They will play Wayland and

Ky. flu advisory issued; not too late to get shot

The Gateway District Health Department was notified on Dec. 20 of the first confirmed flu case in Kentucky occurring in Knox County. The strain of flu was a common strain that has circulated for several years and is not the H5NI strain of the avian influenza so well publicized in the media recently. No case of avian influenza have been reported in the United States.

"The initial occurrence of a confirmed case would indicate that peak flu season is a matter of weeks away," The State Department of Public Health advised.

Officials at the Gateway District Health Department are advising the public that it is not too late to get flu vaccines, which are available at local health departments. Vaccine for children is also available for children who have been unable to obtain it from their healthcare provider due to income restraint guidelines.

Flu season historically lasts through April in Kentucky, and late flu vaccine has been proven to be helpful in preventing outbreaks.

Common questions and answers regarding the flu include:

- **What is influenza?** Influenza or flu is a serious, infectious, viral respiratory infection commonly occurring during December through April.
- **How is influenza spread?** The virus is spread from the nose and throat of other people. An adult can spread the flu anytime from 24 hours before, up to five days after experiencing symptoms. Children may transmit the virus longer.
- **Who is at risk?** Those considered to be at increased risk of serious complications are the elderly, nursing home residents, children beginning at age six months and teenagers up to 18 years receiving long term aspirin therapy, and pregnant women who will be in the second or third trimester of pregnancy during the influenza season.
- **What are the symptoms of influenza?** A doctor may prescribe antiviral drugs, which may lessen the duration and severity of the disease. Practical treatments consist of getting plenty of rest and increased fluid intake. Over the counter medications may help relieve symptoms.
- **What is the treatment for influenza?** A doctor may prescribe several antiviral drugs, which may lessen the duration and severity of the disease. Practical treatments consist of getting plenty of rest and increased fluid intake. Over the counter medications may help relieve symptoms.
- **How can influenza be prevented?** Vaccination is the primary preventative measure, but adhering to simple measures like hand washing, staying home when sick and covering your mouth and nose when sneezing and coughing play an important role in the prevention of this disease.

Please contact your local health department for further information regarding influenza and influenza vaccine.

Elkhorn City.

Dec. 28, 1944
World War II Vet Killed Here Saturday
Delbert W. Trimble, 22, World War II vet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lenox Trimble, of Buskirk, was fatally shot in Marie's Cafe here, and Clayton Roberts, 42, of Campton, was arrested immediately afterward and charged with the killing. The killing, the third to take place in West Liberty in 40 years, took place about 11 p.m. in Marie's Cafe. No motive for the killing was known.

W.H. Childers Dies Suddenly
W.H. Childers, 62, former West Liberty businessman died Jan. 7 in Jeffersonville, Ind. Mr. Childers, who conducted hotel and restaurant businesses here for 10 years, moved to Jeffersonville, Ind. four years ago. He was born at Maytown Nov. 23, 1882, a son of R.A. and Ella Childers.

Burley Tobacco Prices Rise
Burley tobacco zoomed to \$45.95 on Monday. Morgan County tobacco growers have received \$520,000 as of Tuesday of this week.

Jan. 18, 1945
West Liberty Raises Over Half Of Red Cross Quota
The City of West Liberty raised \$1,282 of its Red Cross quota in 15 minutes at a rally here. That is over half of its quota of \$2,400. The quota for the whole county is \$6,200.

Nickell Barber Shop Sold
Willoughby Nickell, local barber on Main street, sold his shop to L.H. Sheets. Sheets will reopen the shop as soon as a barber can be found. Nickell passed his pre-induction exam and will leave Feb. 12 for induction in the armed forces.

Devils Win 21st Game
Elmer Craft's Blue Devils defeated Ezel 63-21 for their 21st win of the season. The team has a record of three losses and one tie (with Paintsville). Scoring average for the Devils for the season thus far is 45 points per game to the opponent's 33.

West Liberty	Ezel
Black — 19	Oldfield — 4
Blair — 10	Davis — 2
McLin — 14	Gilley — 2
Bellamy — 10	Mann — 1
Nickell — 8	Murphy — 5

Substitutes for West Liberty: Reed — 2; Ezel: Carr — 0.

Jan. 18, 1945
Sam Burton Dies In Wreck
Samuel Burton, 35, son of Dr. and Mrs. C.C. Burton, of West Liberty, was found dead of a broken neck when his automobile was found off he road near Wrigley. He wrecked on Wednesday and was found Thursday by C.E. Boyd and Buster Sheets.

Compiler's note: I have left war news out of the Old Journal News for a reason. War news from LVC from 1940 from 1946 is covered in my book, WWII Revisited in Morgan County and I do not want to be repetitious.

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Letters Column

Duncan closes extraordinary career in Kentucky rural electrification

On January 3, 2006, Bill Duncan chose to retire from his extraordinary career in rural electrification. He may be the only 50-year co-op veteran manager that Kentucky's great rural electrification program has ever witnessed. He began with our organization in Louisville, working in the manufacturing plant. That was 1956. By his own hard work and dedication, he rose up through the ranks to become our chief financial officer, before leaving in 1984 to become the general manager and chief executive officer of the Licking Valley RECC in West Liberty.

In my thirty-seven years of association management, twenty-seven of which have been with the rural electric family, I have never known anyone with such a fierce, loyal and enduring dedication to Kentucky's electric cooperatives, and particularly to their local cooperative, as Bill Duncan. He quite literally did not only his job, but at least one or two other positions in the organization in order to save the co-op members money. Sixty and seventy hour weeks are routine with Bill Duncan.

And I want to thank all the members of the co-op. You have a wonderful organization and you've given Bill your full support, as I know you will his successor — Kerry Howard, another good person who will have the wisdom not to try and fill the

shoes of Bill Duncan, but rather simply to wear his own and build on his own strength. The co-op has an outstanding board of directors, loyal and knowledgeable employees, and contributes magnificently to the quality of life in your mountain community.


The great Dr. Thomas Clark, a few years before he passed away just short of his 102nd birthday, was being interviewed on what he considered the three most significant contributions to the increased quality of life in our state. He listed rural electrification as among the three. It was rural electrification that enabled women, for the first time in modern history, to begin to take employment outside the home. To leave the scrub boards on Mondays and the flat irons on Tuesdays to history, and make their own mark in the world. Dr. Clark was Kentucky's Historian Laureate.

To Bill Duncan, his loyal and beautiful wife, Sharon, to the co-op board and employees, but perhaps most importantly to the 17,000 members of the Licking Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, you have my genuinely profound sense of appreciation and congratulations. All of you are a shining example of what is right with the world.

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AREA DEATHS



Raymond Lindon

Raymond Lindon, 86, of Can- nel City, died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at Appalachian Re- gional Hospital, in West Liberty, Ky.

He was born Sunday, July 27, 1919, in Morgan County, Ken- tucky, a son of the late James Howard and Minnie Phipps Lindon, of Morgan County, Ky.

He was a retired logger and farmer, a member of the Grace Baptist Church, in Malone, Ky., and the Greenville Lodge #655, Paulina Chapter #360 F & AM, in West Liberty, Ky., and a World War II veteran, as well as a Ken- tucky Colonel.

Raymond was preceded in death by his mom and dad, three brothers, John, Howard, and Bill Lindon; two sisters, Rettie Spen- cer and Mary Howell; one son, Ronnie Lindon; and one daugh- ter, Georgia Lindon.

Survivors include his wife, Girdlen Cravens Lindon; five sons, Vernon (Casie) Lindon, Mike (Debbie) Lindon, Ricky (Teresa) Lindon, and Terry Lindon, all of West Liberty, and Rodney (Shirley) Lindon, of Or- lando, Florida; one daughter, Leshia (Dale) Howard, of Sandy Hook; two brothers, Len Boyd (Carol) Lindon, of Florence, and Ewuell (Barbara) Lindon, of Phoenix, Arizona; three sisters, Millie Salyer, of Hazel Green, Oma Scott, of Erlanger, and Lema Perkins, of Phoenix, Arizona; 16 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchil- dren, and a host of nieces, neph- ews, and friends.

An Eastern Star and Masonic service was conducted at the fu- neral chapel on Friday, Dec. 30.

Funeral services were con- ducted Saturday, Dec. 31, at 2:00 p.m., at Potter Funeral Home Chapel, in West Liberty, by Pas- tors Chuck Evans, Shane Lindon, and Mike Lindon. Burial fol- lowed in the Hazel Green Cem- etery, in Hazel Green, with mili- tary rites conducted at the graveside by Morgan County DAV. Potter Funeral Home, of West Liberty, was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Rod Lindon, Jarod Lindon, Kevin Finch, Joey Blevins, Marcus Castle, Carl Cassity, Talbot Nickell, Carl Wil- son, Chuck Estes, and Travis Dunaway.

Nancy Wallin

Mrs. Nancy Wallin was born October 28, 1910, in Elliott County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Enoch and Martha Lewis.

She was also preceded in death by her first husband, James Dewey Williams, on July 31, 1947. Second husband, Ballard Wallin, 1975; one infant daugh- ter, Cynthia Williams; one son, Robert Williams, July 1, 1981; one grandson, Danny Williams; one granddaughter, Robin Wil- liams; four sisters, Alice Conley, Maudie Fannin, Minnie Ison, and Nola Charles; five brothers, Eshell Lewis, Cecil Lewis, Addie Lewis, Herbert Lewis, and pro- ctor Lewis.

Nancy was a retired postmas- ter at Moon, Ky., a member of the Newcombe Valley Enterprise Baptist Church. She was a loving mother and grandmother.

Surviving are four daughters, Dorothy Sparks and husband, Pearlman, of Mazie, Ilene Osterhage Wiesman, of Dayton, Ohio, Martha Ferguson, of Ohio, Sue Wheeler and husband, Terry, of South Carolina; three sons, Weldon Dean Williams and wife, Bonnie, of West Liberty, Basil Williams, of Crockett, Homer Williams and Carol Williams, both of California; 17 grandchil- dren; several great grandchildren and several great, great grandchil- dren.

Funeral services were con- ducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 26, 2005, at Lewis and Ferguson Funeral Home. Burial followed in Elliott County Memory Gardens, at Sandy Hook, Ky.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Marshall Gibson would like to thank all who took part in the funeral of our loved one. Thanks to Rev. Eugene Haney and Rev. Harold Davis for their kind words, Sister Zula Johnson and Sister Donna Davis for their beautiful singing, VFW for their kindness at the church and graveside. We greatly ap- preciate the ladies at the church for the nice dinner prepared for fam- ily and friends, all who sent flow- ers, cards, phone calls, Potter Fu- neral Home for their efficient work. It would be impossible to remember everyone. Thanks and God bless you all.

Marshall Gibson family (pd)

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There's never a moment when God doesn't care, never a worry that He doesn't share. Never a time when His love isn't there to cheer, and to brighten our way. So trust in His love, so unending and true, believe in His power to strengthen you, too, and may your faith bring many blessings to your day after beautiful day.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

Mikey Wheeler

Mikey "Mike" Wheeler, 49, of Albion, Michigan, died Wednes- day, Dec. 28, 2005, at his home.

He was born June 30, 1956, in Marshall, Michigan, to Geraldine Perkins Wheeler and the late Lester Wheeler.

On August 8, 1996, he married Wendy Prescott, who survives.

Mike was a commercial painter and also worked for Triple A Galvanizing in Hamilton, Indi- ana, and Vestal Industries in Angola, Indiana. He enjoyed building, craft working, fishing, restoring furniture and wood- working.

Survivors in addition to his wife include three daughters, Tracy Miller, of Tekonsha, Michi- gan, Jodie Miller, of Homer, Michigan, and Tammy Vanderpool, of Albion, Michigan; one son, Christopher Miller, of Battle Creek, Michigan; his mother, Geraldine Wheeler, of West Liberty; grandmother, Cora Perkins, of Homer, Michigan; one sister, Brenda Gabbart, of Mount Sterling; four brothers, Bill Wheeler, of Woodsbend, Lester Wheeler and James Beckley, both of West Liberty, and Robert Beckley, of Muskegon, Michigan; 7 grandchildren; several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were con- ducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, 811 Finley Drive, Albion, Michigan, with Pastor Abe Prater officiating. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery, in Homer, Michigan, with J. Kevin Tidd Fu- neral Home in charge of arrange- ments.

Memorials were suggested to the family.

Helen L. Clevenger

Helen L. Clevenger, 82, of Fairborn, Ohio, died Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005, in the Greene Memorial Hospital, Xenia, Ohio.

She was born January 1, 1923, at Pomp, in Morgan County, Ken- tucky, a daughter of the late John Wade and Bessie Lou Haney Davis.

Helen was retired from the Heritage Nursing Home, in Fairborn, where she was em- ployed as a nurses aide, and at- tended the Church of God in Fairborn.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two sis- ters, Lois Moreland and Jewel Davis.

Those left to cherish her memory include two daughters, Pamela Clevenger, of Fairborn, Ohio, and Klydia Whited and hus- band, Roy, of Deer Lodge, Ten- nessee; a son, Michael Clevinger and wife, Mary, of Dayton, Ohio; four sisters, Rella Whitt, of Fairborn, Ohio, Betty Adams and husband, Jesse, of Fairborn, Ohio, Charlene Watern and husband, Don, of Kettering, Ohio, and Jean Patrick, of West Liberty; a brother, Drexel Davis and wife, Reva, of Fairborn, Ohio; four grandsons, Michael Clevinger, of Xenia, Ohio, Scott Clevinger and wife, Kenyon, of Fairborn, Ohio, Tim Whited and wife, Holly, of Florida; Jeff Whited, of Tennes- see; five great grandchildren, Kyle, Corrina, Cassidy, and Nicole Clevinger, Abigail Whited; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Funeral services were con- ducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 21, at Belton-Stroup Funeral Home, in Fairborn, Ohio, with Rev. Eugene Haney and Rev. Harold Davis officiating.

Burial was in the Byron Cem- etery, Fairborn, Ohio. Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to the American Cancer Society in memory of Helen.

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Funeral services were con- ducted Monday, Dec. 26, 2005 at the Lewis and Ferguson Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Burial in Elliott County Memory Gardens.



There was an officer who made many unjust remarks about General Robert E. Lee.

Later, the general was asked what he thought of that officer, and he gave him a splendid rat- ing.

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"Yes," Lee answered. "But I was asked of my opinion of him. Not his opinion of me."

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—Bob Bickers '63, Editor.

It appears Georgia was send- ing out e-mails before her pass- ing, which were received after- wards. Her classmate, Glenda (Gibbs '64) Potter, forwarded a touching web link from her, which was a man singing, "I Be- lieve."

Upon request, we will forward it to you. Please mention, "Pot- ter, Dec. 16."

In Memory of Georgia Lindon: "Thanks for the most recent HGA newsletter [No. 225] and especially the tribute to Geor- gia Lindon. How I remember our friendship those two years we at- tended HGA together [1960-62]. We were especially close because of our involvement in the basket- ball program." —Don Bickers, Class of 1962. (Walhalla, SC.

Don was the basketball team manager and Georgia was a cheerleader.)

"Bobby, Sorry to say I didn't know about Georgia until after her death. She was a friend and classmate that I will miss. — She was so full of energy and fun to be around. She will be missed. Even though we were not in touch often, you always seem to have a special bond with your class- mates. Thanks for keeping us close and updated on "Life" as we travel through it. —Dan Resch, Class of 1964. (Ocean Springs, MS)

(Credits: Wm. H. Walter pro- vided the photo. David Buchanan formatted it for us.)

MY PRAYER

It's me again Lord a knocking at your door. Just another thank- ful prayer to add to the one be- fore I sit and watch the stars, Lord, in the darkest sky. I sit and count the minutes Lord, as they go by. Just another soldier, Lord, watch- ing my year go by. Thank you, Lord, for this blessing of this an- other day. May your blessing end this war, for this is what we pray and if before the morrow, Lord, I should have to die, let it be for thee Oh! Lord for this what I cry. Watch over us Lord, for yet an- other day, that your will be done, Lord for this in Christ I pray.

Amen

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

Life is so full of meaning and purpose, so full of beauty--be- neath its' covering--that you will find that earth but cloaks your Heaven.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

Lower Elkfork

By Alpha Clevenger

Jan. 2--Belated Merry Christ- mas and A Happy New Year to all.

Sympathy is extended to all who have lost loved ones. Get well wishes to the sick and shutins. It's been sometime since I've written my column. I had written one in November and December and I never did finish writing the column. I got so busy with the holidays, etc. and never took it in to The Courier Office. I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas. Hope old Santa brought everything they asked for. I love the holidays, but I sure am glad when they are over. So much to do, decorating, cooking, shop- ping, along with everything else to do. A woman is worn out after it's over. A man don't have so much to do as a woman does.

Alpha was Sunday guest of her daughter and family of Ezel. They were fine.

Christmas day guests were Barry Clevenger, Dempsey and Rosie Clevenger, Laura and Jermy Holbrook, of California, Katie and daughter, Julie, of Salyersville, and Joy Gevedon and family, of Ezel. Enjoyed be- ing together and enjoyed a deli- cious meal with turkey and all the trimmings. Pictures were taken. Everyone would have loved to had a pretty, white Christmas this year, but we had a black Christ- mas. Maybe we will get some snow in the month of January. We hope so. On the television we see so much snow in different states, real deep snows, and I wonder why it never snows here in these parts. I guess the ground is so warm or something. It just can't snow anymore, but in the past we sure had big, deep snows. The weather sure has changed.

Hi to Fairy Dean and family. How are you all? Did you have up a lot of lights this year? I never did get to drive up to see your lights if you had them. I can't seem to get a lot done anymore. I'm slow too, or getting old. We all get older every day, you know. That's something we cannot do one thing about.

We enjoy hearing all the local broadcasts. Rev. Vernon Lewis, along with all the others. They all do a good job. Keep up the good work. I am listening to W.S.I.P. Paintsville and all the beautiful gospel songs. Before Christmas they played such beautiful Christ- mas songs and I enjoyed them so much, but it made me so sad hear- ing them. When you lose loved ones the holidays are never the same. We feel so sad and lonely and miss them so much.

Get well wishes to Jordan who has been in U.K. Hospital, in Lex- ington. He is the grandson of Faye Helton, of Salyersville. Hope he will be able to come home real soon. Sorry to hear about him be- ing hospitalized.

Hi to Sue Kinner. How are you and your family? Hope you had a wonderful Christmas, and I wish you a Happy New Year. Haven't seen you for a while.

I thank everyone that sent me Christmas cards. I taped them to an inside door case and they were beautiful. I put up a lot more lights and decorations inside and out this year. I enjoyed decorating more this year than last year. I think all the lights are so beauti- ful in the dark.

Alpha has been attending the revival at Lick Fork where Rev. Eugene Haney has been holding a revival. There have been large crowds in attendance each night. Everyone loves to go to church when Eugene Haney does the preaching. He is a good man of God. People have faith in him and he's always the same. We need more preachers like him. They get saved under his preaching be- cause they know his life. That's what it takes. We've known him and his family for years and al- ways loved them as good friends and neighbors. He always tells the people if they need him for any- thing to call him and he'd be there for them, good man of God and don't care to help people when they are in need.

Get well wishes to Geneva DeHart. I always ask about her when I see any of her family. I want to come and visit her soon as I can. I've been so busy with the holidays and all. I hope she is much improved and gets to come home soon.

I was at Wal Mart on Saturday evening and ran into Evlin and Marlene Clevenger. Good to see them and talk to them a few min- utes. They are nice people.

Barry talked to his son, Travis Grant Clevenger, of West Liberty, Ohio, recently, he and Lori were fine. Good to hear from the. Hope they can visit us soon.

Alpha talked to Mary Collins recently. Good to hear from her.

Happy New Year to The Cour- nier and staff, and thanks for ev- erything you do for people. It is very much appreciated.



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More than 5,000 of those checks, totaling more than \$863,000, came back because they couldn't be delivered for various reasons—no forwarding address, expired forwarding address, recipients deceased or unknown, and post offices had closed.

On Dec. 30, the state sent out the last round of 164,000 checks, totaling \$16.5 million, and several thousand returns are expected from this round as well.

In an attempt to locate those missing people, the state has set up a web site that lists the recipients of all the returned checks by county. The money won't be there forever. The June 2005 checks expire on June 20, 2006. Checks not claimed by then will go into an unclaimed property fund. After three years, the state will find other ways to spend it.

The checks sent out Dec. 30 will be the last. The program was scheduled to run for five years, but was superseded by the Federal Tobacco Buyout in October 2004.

Following is a list of Morgan Countians whose Phase II checks were undeliverable and the addresses to which checks were mailed. (For additional information, questions should be directed to 877-549-2537.)

Alice Lane, HC 68 Box 200, Mariba 40322.

Allison Hembree, HC 68 Box 276, West Liberty 41472.

Audie Finch, c/o Roger Finch, West Liberty 41472.

J. Bach, RR1 Box 618, West Liberty 41472.

Dorothy Bailey, 26 Oney Rd., West Liberty 41472.

Brandon Bailey, HC Box 1380, Salyersville 41465.

Carl Hamilton, 740 Highway 1715, West Liberty 41472.

Charles Bell, Box 356A, West Liberty 41472.

Charles Frederick, HC 68 Box 282, West Liberty 41472.

Chau Gevedon, HC 68 Box 176, White Oak 41472.

Clyde Hutchinson, 325 Hutchinson Rd., West Liberty 41472.

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Clyde Hutchinson, 325 Hutchinson Rd., West Liberty 41472.

Clemia Hopkins, 353 Rockhouse Fork Rd., Salyersville 41465.

Clyde Hutchinson, 325 Hutchinson Rd., West Liberty 41472.

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Nicky Hutchinson, 929 Liberty Rd., West Liberty 41472.

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J. Bach Estate, RR1 Box 618, West Liberty 41472.

Jimmy McClure, 608 Glenn Ave., West Liberty 41472.

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Beverly Johnson, HC 68 Box 154-19, West Liberty 41472.

Walter Johnson, HC 68 Box 154-19, West Liberty 41472.

Joseph Thornsberry, HC 70 Box 122, Elkfork 41421.

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Judy Keeton, 1460 Highway, West Liberty 17 - 41472.

Karen Stone, 36 Brookside Pl., Northville 48167.

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Kelly Hamilton, c/o Vondle J. Adkins, West Liberty 41472.

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Larry Watson, P.O. Box 284, Hazel Green 41332.

Lenville Adkins, 4845 Highway 172, West Liberty 41472.

Lora Evans, RR6 Box 147, West Liberty 41472.

Louise Sargent, 682 Blairs Mill Rd., West Liberty 41472.

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Lyle Robey, 905 Rosedale Apt. 4, Houston 77002.

Jimmy Manning, Rt. 1 Box 652, West Liberty 41472.

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Mary Hollon, RR1 Box 225, Hazel Green 41332.

Melinda Barker, RR6 Box 150, West Liberty 41472.

Melinda Barker, RR6 Box 150, West Liberty 41472.

Merril Lewis, RR3 Box 348, West Liberty 41472.

Noreen Perry Estate, Joe May, Adm., Morehead 40351-5244.

Osmer Brake, 786 White Oak Branch, West Liberty 41472.

Peggy Bailey, 8827 Rockhouse Creek Rd., Salyersville 41465.

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Whispering Campaign: Roger Benton Addresses His Past

I would like to take this opportunity to share with the people of Morgan County what a dear, sweet Christian lady shared with me recently at church. She said:

“Roger, it is the Christians who judge you the hardest. Don't you know they can't remember the good things you accomplished as sheriff, because they only remember your conviction of 20 years ago? Even if you were there for them and their families as a good sheriff, some people still remain judgemental of your past.”

I looked at her and realized she was probably speaking for many fellow Christians, but not for ALL Christians. Because when I rededicated my life to Christ, I realized I had to forgive a lot of people if I wanted to get to heaven. You know, no one is worth going to hell for, are they? We can only speak for ourselves, and I realize that those of us who truly walk with God daily work hard to not be narrow-minded and judgmental of others' present or past. God will judge each of us – it is not our job! Real Christians love; they do not judge. However, after this eye-opening discussion, I felt lead to address this issue one more time.

Whispering Campaign Story

If I can take you back many, many years ago to 1986, I was Morgan County sheriff, and working 24 hours a day, seven days a week if needed to improve and provide a safe environment for all parts of our large county. I had a reputation for always coming to your home when you called. Also, I had a reputation for stopping drugs, stopping bootlegging and stopping thieves.

I was working on an undercover sting operation to prove and convict certain people who I felt were bringing in drugs to Morgan County. I had informed some local law officers of my intent, and had notified a state policeman, and of course, my sheriff's deputies.

However, the FBI was also working a sting operation on local officials all across the eastern part of the state – not just in Morgan County. The court proceedings proved that the only drugs being brought into our county were drugs flown in from one FBI agent to another to help in the FBI sting operation.

I was arrested being confident that I could prove my involvement due to my own investigation. However, I was not able to prove my innocence, and I served three years for a crime I did not commit. That is how I learned about forgiveness – for those who let you down when you need them.

If I could rewind life and do it over, I would still stand tall and fight to prove my innocence. I did learn a lot about people and true friends. I also learned that in sting operations involving drugs, I should have notified proper authorities and let them know about the sheriff's department's involvement.

I surely made mistakes in my investigation, and brought bad publicity to all of us for which I am sorry. This is the story of all the whispers you hear about Roger Benton as sheriff that happened 20 years ago.

In conclusion on this matter, I have lived with this in my past, and there is no way of erasing this. I am just asking the voters of Morgan County to not JUDGE me any longer! I feel that the sweet Christian lady who spoke with me a couple Sundays ago was speaking for some of you – and that maybe this article will help you in some way.

Only Jesus lived here on earth and was perfect. Yet, even in His perfection they found fault. I am Roger Benton and I am not perfect; I never was and I never will be – most are not!

I feel sure the “Whispering Campaign” of my past will rise again and again. But hopefully, you can remind them that I always answered your calls and came to your homes when you needed me. Instead of complaining or being judgmental, why not put your efforts into making a difference, like electing a sheriff that always came when you called?

I need your help, your support and your vote to be the next Morgan County sheriff. Please feel free to call me if you need to discuss any past issues. Hopefully, as the election draws near, the sheriff candidates will have an open panel discussion or debate where issues regarding our county's law enforcement can be discussed. I appreciate you taking the time to read this, and I am looking forward to talking with you.

41472.

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Pennsylvania Tour

G & M Tours, under the direction of Kim Graham and Mary McWhorter, has planned a five night, six day tour to Pennsylvania June 12-17. All five nights will be spent in Lancaster, Pa., at a hotel located on the grounds of the Rockvale Square Outlet Center in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Along with great outlet shopping, this trip will include guided tours of the Gettysburg battlefield, historic Philadelphia, Hershey (the sweetest place on earth), and the Amish farmlands of Lancaster. We will be seeing the biblical play “Ruth” at the spectacular Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster. All attractions, five breakfasts, three lunches and one dinner are included in the price of the tour. For pricing and more information, call Kim Graham at 668-6670 or Mary McWhorter at 668-3652, or e-mail us at one of the following addresses: kgraham@mrtc.com or marymc@mrtc.com.

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Revival slated at Lick Branch Baptist Church

Bro. Kevin Jenkins, of Fairborn, Ohio, and Bro. Tony Church will be in revival at Lick Branch Enterprise Baptist Church, beginning Sunday, January 8, 2006, weather permitting. Services will begin at 6 p.m. on Sunday, and at 7 p.m. weeknights. Bro. Joe O. Jenkins, pastor, and Bro. George Ed Barker, assistant pastor.

Water Dist. board meeting set for Monday, Jan. 9

The regularly scheduled board meeting for the Morgan County Water District for January, 2006, will be held on Monday, Jan. 9, at 4:30 p.m., at the Water District Office due to the holidays. Regular meetings are held the first Monday of the month.

Free computer classes!

The Morgan County Public Library will be offering free computer classes on January 18–2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Basic Computers and Internet; 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Intro To Microsoft Excel. Call the library at 743-4151 to sign up.

Kentucky Junior Miss tickets on sale now

Morgan County Junior Miss Alli Nickell, 17 year old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kent Nickell, of West Liberty, will be competing in the Kentucky Junior Miss program Friday and Saturday, January 13 and 14, 2006. The program will be held at the Singletary Center for the Arts on the campus of the University of Kentucky. Tickets can be purchased directly from the Singletary Center by calling (859) 257-4929. Single session tickets are \$20 or a set of tickets for both preliminaries and the finals is \$50. For more information, please contact Lori Keeton at 743-3772.

Cannel City Alumni Assn. meeting May 27

The Cannel City Alumni Association will meet on Saturday, May 27, at the school. Doors will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. C-12-22-ff

“Set Apart” to minister in song at House of Prayer

“Set Apart”, a group of six young men will be ministering in song at The House of Prayer Saturday, January 7, at 7 p.m. They are very talented and play all kinds of instruments. Pastor Winston McClurg and congregation invite the public to attend this very special service. The church is located about 5 miles West of Morehead, 1/2 mile off Hwy. 801, at 600 Whispering Oaks. For more information call (606) 784-7023.

Gateway Com. Services bi-monthly meeting set

Gateway Community Services Organization, Inc. will hold its bi-monthly board meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12. The meeting will be held in Frenchburg at the Menifee County Community Building and will begin at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. C-1-5-2t

Tourism Commission meeting date changed

The regular meeting date for West Liberty Tourism Commission has been changed to the third Thursday of each month at 12 noon. All meetings are open to the public.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings every Sunday

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held every Sunday at 8 p.m., in the basement of Morgan County Water District Office. C-11-10-tf

Rocky Bolin family household shower

There will be a household shower for the Rocky Bolin family of Ezel, who recently lost everything in a house fire. The shower will take place at the Woodsbend Community Church fellowship hall at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 7, and is given by family and friends. The Bolins have four young children and would really appreciate any help they receive. If you have questions, call 725-5884 or 725-5311. Thank you for doing anything you can do.

Elvis tribute set for Jan. 6 in Morehead

The 377 Volunteer Fire Department in Morehead is holding an Elvis tribute Friday, Jan. 6 at the Carl Perkins Community Center to raise funds for the department. The tribute will feature Elvis tribute artists Bill Kelly and Marc Woodward, and special guest Joe Clark. Tickets are \$13 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets for kids 12 and under are \$5. Advance tickets are available by calling 606-207-1613, or can be picked up at the Kwik Stop at 1333 Ky. Hwy. 519 in Morehead.

WLES Kids Clues Club meetings are scheduled

The Kids Clues Club at West Liberty Elementary School will meet on Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10, April 14 and May 12 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Kids Clues Club is a program provided through the Family Connection FRC to help establish a relationship between the preschool child, the parent and the school. If you have any questions or would like to join us, please call 743-8432.

Jewell Young benefit scheduled for Jan. 14

There will be a benefit for cancer patient Jewell Young at the Community Center on Saturday, Jan. 14 from 5-10 p.m. Five bluegrass bands and two country bands will be performing. There will also be a cakewalk and an auction. Everyone is welcome to attend! C-1-5-2T

Chili supper at Ezel First Church of God set Jan. 8

There will be a chili supper at Ezel First Church of God on Sunday, Jan. 8, beginning at 5 p.m. with a singing beginning at 6 p.m. \$5 for adults, and children are free. (Carryouts are available). All proceeds will go toward the church building fund. Pastor Jessie Dennis and congregation thank everyone for their support.

Don’t Forget To Renew

Greenville Masonic Lodge to meet Jan. 7

Greenville Masonic Lodge #655 F & AM will have regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7. A potluck meal will be served following the meeting. All members are urged to attend.

Headwaters Bass Club Rook Tourney Jan. 6, 7

Headwaters Bass Club will host a Rook Tournament Friday and Saturday, Jan. 6 and 7, at the Headwaters Bass Club, located on Hwy. 460, at Greear. Signups will begin at 6 p.m. with games following at 7 p.m. Concessions will be available during the evening.

Fellowship dinner at Tom’s Branch Ch. Jan. 21

There will be a fellowship dinner at Tom’s Branch Church on Saturday, Jan. 21, beginning at 5 p.m., with worship services at 7 p.m. The pastor, Bro. Jeff Montgomery, and congregation invite everyone to attend. C-1-5-3t

Gospel singing cancelled at Tom’s Branch Church

There will be no gospel singing at Tom’s Branch Community Church on Saturday, Jan. 14th.

Dec. MCHS Site Base Council meet. rescheduled

The regular Site Base meeting for December ‘05 was rescheduled for Thursday, Jan. 5, 2006. Only items on agenda will be discussed.

MCHS Site Base Council meeting set January 11

The regular monthly Site Based Decision Making Council will be held in the high school library on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 5 p.m.

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Quotable Quote

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Memory Hill in the early years!

Mrs. Hazel Craft submitted this photograph of her Memory Hill home, at Caney, as it looked in the 1940s. Through the years Mrs. Craft and her husband, the late Wardie Craft, had the home remodeled and expanded to its present state. Carpenters working on the home were Tine Ferguson, Haden Ratliff, Esknovah Jackson, and Jimmy Wilson.

Memory Hill & Roundabout

By Hazel B. Craft
Jan. 2--Welcome 2006. 2005 went so fast.

First, I want to sincerely thank each and everyone that responded to the Christmas letters, those that became members and the donations. Not many have become members. Hopefully we will have more members for 2006 than 2005. Two men made my day--Emery Caudill, of Hillsboro, and Delbert honchul, of Murray. They sent enough to pay the large insurance of around \$400 due every three months. Also, thanks for the other donations. Sorry I didn't get to send out more letters due to illness and other problems. 2005 was a good year; hopefully 2006 will be better. We have such big plans--more and more are becoming interested. My motto since a young teenager has been, "Let nothing discourage; never give up". Some times when a dark cloud surrounds Memory Hill, I think of my motto.

The past week I received a welcome surprise. When I opened

the envelope there was a picture of Tine Ferguson, the man that built the little house that was the beginning of the colonial home. Rella Phillips, a granddaughter, saw in the LVC where I was searching for his picture. When I was searching for his picture. When I wrote and thanked Rella for the picture, I told her that picture nmade my day.

In this week's Courier will be a picture of this precious little home that meant so much to Wardie and me. I think it cost a little over \$2,000. Imagine that! Anyway I now have the pictures of that four carpenters responsible for the colonial home: Tine Ferguson, Haden Ratliff, Esknovah Jackson, and Jimmy Wilson. They will be framed and hung in the big house. Many thanks to all who furnished these pictures.

Big plans are for the Cannel City reunion the fourth Saturday in May at 1:00. Spread the word. Mark this date on your calendar. This will probably be the last reunion for this grand old school that we all loved so much.

Sincere sympathy is extended

to the Raymond Lindon family. Sorry I couldn't attend. I developed a sinus infection--better now.

Art Scism, who donated a computer to Memory Hill, asked me if I had learned to use the computer. I was sorry to tell him I hadn't learned much; I just have "too many irons in the fire". I did tell him that was my New Year's resolution. Anyway, many thanks, Art.

So many I talked to reported they had had a good Christmas. I know I did. Several members of the family were present on Christmas Day. I want to thank each and everyone who made this day possible, especially those that prepared the sumptuous meal. We plan to have this gathering at Memory Hill as long as I live. We always miss Wardie so much. Nothing pleased him more than having our group together. Hopefully more can attend next time. I think Ken Stamper enjoyed the day as much as anyone. I was so pleased Ken was present. Also, i want to sincerely thank each and everyone who remembered me this Christmas. Presents weren't the big thing, it was just getting to be together. So many memories were refreshed.

Farewell until two weeks from now. Wishing everyone a Happy New Year. Hopefully I will see many of you at Memory Hill in 2006.

Natural Resources Conservation Service accepts EQIP applications

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications for Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) at your local USDA Service Center or conservation district office.

Land users may apply for EQIP at any time. Applications received by January 31, 2006, will be considered for this (federal fiscal year 2006) program year. Applications received after January 31, 2006 will be held until the next evaluation period.

EQIP applications are evaluated and ranked using criteria set forth by local work groups to determine which applications provide the best environmental benefits and address the resource concerns of their local area.

EQIP allows cost-share assistance to persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production on eligible land. Cost-share rates vary by practice and generally range from 30 to 75 percent. Cost-

share rates for beginning farmers and limited resource producers are 75 percent and 90 percent respectively for all eligible practices.

All conservation practices are subject to NRCS technical standards adapted for local conditions.

For applications selected for funding, an EQIP plan of operations will be developed with the land used to identify appropriate conservation practices. EQIP practices in Kentucky include, but are not limited to, critical area planting; pipeline and watering facility; grassed waterway; diversion, and fencing.

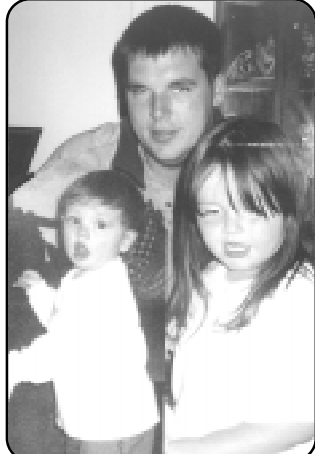
Additional information may be found at <http://www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov/programs>. To apply for EQIP, or for more information, please contact your local NRCS or conservation district office. You may reach them at (606) 743-3194 or stop by the office located at the USDA Service Center, 955 Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty, KY 41472.

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Pictured with her are her two younger sisters, Audrey, 4, and her youngest sister, Megan, 15 months. They are daughters of Charles Ray and Angela Pennington, of Sandy Hook. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pennington, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stevens, of Sandy Hook.
Submitted by their great aunt,
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Receives Master of Arts degree

Perri Elam Hunley received her Master of Arts degree at the MSU Winter Graduation Ceremony.

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SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Monday, Jan. 9--Hotdog on bun, baked beans, buttered broccoli, margarine, peach slices, milk.

Tuesday, Jan 10--Baked chicken, dumplings, creamy coleslaw, white/wheat, margarine, fresh banana, milk.

Wednesday, Jan 11--Meatloaf, buttered baby potatoes, seasoned greens, biscuit, margarine, vanilla pudding, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 12--Pork chopette, potatoes Augratin, steamed cabbage, corn bread, margarine, red poke cake, milk.

Quotable Quote

When we line up all the facts we think are against us, the facts can stop us before we start. Whatever we need to discourage us – I'm too young, too old, too short, too tall, unprepared, inexperienced, or not quite ready – we can uncover. And if we miss a few details, we can always find someone to help us "face the facts." The facts after all speak for themselves — except they're not true. Courage is doing it anyway, whatever it is. We all doubt ourselves . . . we all wonder whether we really have the goods.

Marlo Thomas

Words Of Wisdom

How far is far,
How high is high?
We'll never know until we try.
California Special Olympics

Words Of Wisdom

The greatest test of courage on earth is to bear defeat without losing heart.
Robert Green Ingersoll

Dr. Joanna Santiesteban Obstetrician/Gynecologist



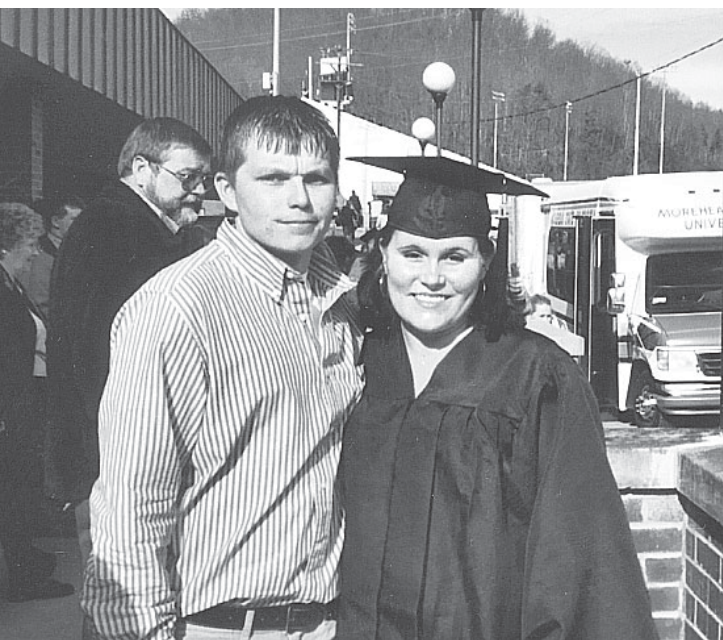
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Awarded degree

Jayde Nickell Carty, who recently, graduated from Morehead State University with a major in Spanish and a minor in social work, is shown with her husband, Jacob, following MSU's Winter Commencement. Jayde is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Lynn Nickell of West Liberty.

Menifee selected for KY Chamber

FRENCHBURG — A spokesperson with the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce has announced the addition of Dr. Keith

Gannon, of Boneal, Inc., Means, as a member of its 2006 board of directors, comprised of 60 business leaders from a cross-section of Kentucky business and industry.

Reading this editorial is a test, of sorts

Reprinted From The Christian Science Monitor

If you have a college degree, there is no guarantee you can follow this editorial. That is because the number of graduates proficient in English fell from 40 percent in 1992 to 31 percent in 2003. Schools of higher education need to answer for this drop in "prose literacy."

That sharp decline, reported in a survey by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics, came as a shock to educators last month. Prose literacy, the kind that allows someone to understand editorials such as this one, decreased among adults at every level of education. But the most startling decline was for those adults with college or post-graduate degrees. (Among those with graduate work or an advanced degree, proficiency in prose literacy fell from 51 percent to 41 percent.)

These discouraging statistics come at time of a crushing need for better educated workers who can help keep the U.S. competitive in a supercharged global economy.

They also come at a critical time for colleges and universities. Congress is debating how to reauthorize the Higher Education Act, with some lawmakers asking if the \$80 billion in U.S. funds given to colleges and to many of their 17 million students is money well spent. And a 19-member national panel, set up by the sec-

retary of education and known as the Commission on the Future of Higher Education, is looking seriously at recommending that colleges accepting federal money be held accountable for their educational results.

The panel's recommendations, due by Aug. 1, could echo the 2001 No child left Behind Act that required standardized testing for earlier grades in public schools. It is headed by Charles Miller, a former chairman of the University of Texas System's board of regents who was instrumental in bringing such testing to the state's public colleges and in shaping the standardized testing at Texas's K-12 public schools which became the model for the federal law.

The U.S. system of higher education is the best in the world, and regulating it should not be done lightly, especially because the causes for these literacy declines may be quite fixable: Many public universities have lowered their standards in accepting students, and a huge influx of Latino immigrants in the 1990s led to many more nonnative English speakers in schools.

The ranking of colleges, such as those done yearly by U.S. News and World Report, has already put a spotlight on weaknesses in higher education. (U.S. News may now want to add literacy rates to its criteria.) But federal and state taxpayers, too, should be entitled to know which

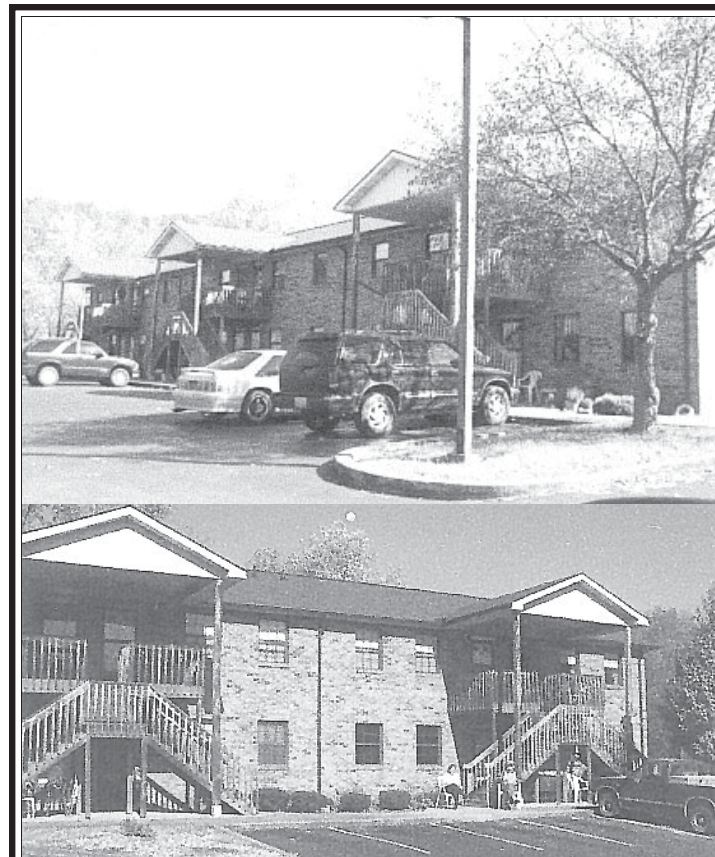
colleges efficiently and effectively use government aid to achieve the best results.

That does not mean Washington should tell schools that now accept federal money how to teach. But it can at least put money into institutions that achieve basic benchmarks in the quality of graduates produced.

Schools that object can decline federal money.

If you have read this far, and formed your own opinion on the issue, congratulations. The education system worked for you.

And what of those who failed in trying to read this editorial? The rest of us have a duty to demand more accountability from taxpayer-supported schools of higher learning.



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Linda Garrison and Ruie Nickell had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Roby Gullett on Dec. 24th. Ruie and Linda spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Robinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Grant and family, in Middletown, Ohio. Others visit-

ing with them were Jerry and Dee Dee Nickell, Hannah and Brandi, and Jerry Nickell's in-laws, Don and Dee. Recent visitors of Ruie's have been Freda Gullett, Mary Mayberry, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gullett, and Linda Garrison. Freda Gullett and Ruie were shopping in Paintsville on Monday. Ruie attended her home on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennell Lewis visited Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Dorsie Franklin.

Quote

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Brushy Fork Church, Caney, Ky. Services fourth Saturday at 1:00 pm and fourth Sunday at 10:00 am each month. Hobert Dunn, pastor.

West Liberty Church Of God, 568 Glenn Ave., West Liberty, KY 41472, phone 743-4161. Gary Fields, pastor. Parsonage: 743-2632. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm, Bible study for all age groups.

Hazel Green Christian Church, P.O. Box 66, Hazel Green, KY 41332. Bro. Lowell Fields, pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

Faith Baptist Church, Caney, KY 41402, phone 743-4966, parsonage phone 768-2415. Bro. John Ramsey, pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday disciples group training service 5:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday night mission friends, GA's, acteen's RA's, adult Bible study 6:00 pm.

Old Grassy Christian Church, US-460, Mize, KY 41352. Mrs. Kerry Moore, pastor. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

Martha Enterprise Baptist Church, approximately 3 miles up KY-589 off KY-172. Services second weekend each month. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. Roger Ball, pastor.

Redeemed Old Regular Baptist Church, Caney, KY. Elder Roy Collett, pastor. Services third weekend of each month. Saturday 6:30 pm. Sunday 9:30 am.

Wells Chapel Church Of God, Stacy Fork, KY. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 6:00 pm. Rev. Ivan Hinton, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Wells Creek Enterprise Baptist Church, Sunday morning 10:30 am. Every second Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Joe Gilliam, pastor. Ruley Wag-omer, assistant pastor.

Union Enterprise Church, Williams Creek, KY. Sunday School 9:30 am to 10:30 am every Sunday morning. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. First Saturday 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Tivis Ison, pastor, welcomes everyone.

Walnut Grove Community Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening prayer service 7:00 pm. Scott Litton, pastor. Eddie Keeton, assistant pastor.

Sandy Hook First Baptist Church, phone 738-6320. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm.

Mize Community Church, 1 mile west of Mize, KY. John Oldfield Jr., pastor, 1176 Hwy. 946, Ezel, KY 41425, phone 606-725-5622. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm.

Old Time Religion Church, 1957 Flat-Mary Rd., Campton, KY 41301. Douglas Dunn, pastor, phone 668-9168.

Daysboro Church Of Christ, Daysboro, KY, phone 743-3906. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm.

Watson Enterprise Baptist Church, HC 75, Sandy Hook, KY. Larry Dale Ison, pastor. Mike Gilliam, assistant pastor. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am.

Campton Church Of Christ, Rt. 35, Box 405, Campton, KY 41301, phone 668-6531.

Lick Fork Pentecostal Church, Saturday evening 7:30 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Congregation invites all. Everyone welcome.

Rocky Branch Full Gospel Church Of God, 3 miles north of Campton on KY-746. Sunday morning 10:00 am. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Denzil Lykins, pastor, phone 668-3643.

Campton First Church Of God, Campton, KY, phone 668-3564.

Bethany Baptist Church, War Creek, KY. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Every Sunday. Every third Saturday of each month Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Rick Pelfrey, pastor.

Stark United Methodist Church, Sunday morning 9:30 am. Sunday School 10:30 am. Friday youth group 7:00 pm. Friday adult Bible study 7:00 pm. Warren Vanover, pastor.

Ezel United Presbyterian Church And Manse, Ezel, KY 41425, phone 725-4215. Sunday morning 9:45 am.

Cannel City First Church Of God, Cannel City, KY, phone 743-7395. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday evening 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

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Index Community Church, Rt. 1 Box 210, West Liberty, KY 41472 (intersection KY-191 & US-460), phone 743-4733. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday youth hour 6:30 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. Rev. Mike Frisby, pastor. Eddy Dennison, assistant pastor.

Sandy Hook United Methodist Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 7:00 pm. Rev. Warren Vanover, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Red River Community Church, Hazel Green, KY 41332, phone 662-6947. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Thursday prayer service 7:00 pm. Rev. Charles Glover, pastor.

Prince Of Peace Catholic Church, US-460, West Liberty, KY. Sunday mass 9:00 am. Father Jerry Dorn, pastor. 581 Glenn Ave., phone 743-4817.

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Pleasant Run House Of Prayer, Yocum, KY. Sunday School 10:30 am. Sunday morning 1:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Raymond Barker, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Helechawa Community Church, located on KY-191. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome to come and worship the Lord.

Sulphur Springs Church, Crockett, KY, KY-172. Third weekend of each month and all odd weekends. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. Chris Baldwin, pastor. Bro. Bob Williams, assistant pastor. Everyone welcome.

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Pekin Pentecostal Church, Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Rev. Sammy Vancleave, pastor. Everyone invited.

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Ezel First Church Of God, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Youth group Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Youth church service third Sunday each month 7:00 pm.

Stillwater Holiness Church, 3-1/2 miles north of Campton on KY-191. Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Patricia Crider, pastor.

Bear Pen Worship Center, Sunday morning 10:45 am. Sunday School 6:30 pm. Wednesday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday youth meeting 6:30 pm. David Spencer, pastor. Phone 668-3351.

Blaze Community Church, Monday evening 7:30 pm. Wednesday evening 6:30 pm. Vernon Dale Lewis, pastor. Everyone invited.

Calvary Baptist Church, KY-191, Cannel City, KY. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Harry B. Helton, pastor.

Campton Baptist Church, Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday prayer service 6:00 pm. Rev. Ronald Barnett, phone 668-3517.

Hazel Green Church Of God, KY-1010 East. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning and children's church 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Rev. Glendon Robinson, pastor.

Concord Enterprise Baptist Church, KY-32 eight miles west of Sandy Hook. Every fourth Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. Rev. Ricky Lewis, pastor.

West Liberty Church Of Christ, Sunday Bible study 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study for all ages 7:00 pm. Paul Balch, minister. Phone 743-2132.

Campton First Church Of God, Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 10:45 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm.

Laurel Gorge Enterprise Baptist Church, Youth services Friday 7:00 pm. Every third Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. Rev. Bill Rice, pastor. Virgil F. Garill, assistant pastor.

Full Gospel Tabernacle, Top of Slade Hill where Jesus is Alpha and Omega. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Rev. Ralph Banks, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Grassy Lick Baptist Church, Grassy Creek, KY 41352. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday evening Bible study 7:00 pm. Kenneth Gevedon, pastor. Vernon Stacy, assistant pastor. James Tyra, assistant pastor.

Quillens Church Of God, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Lester Spencer, pastor. Phone 668-6435.

Abundant Life Full Gospel Church, 849 Broadway St., West Liberty, KY. Phone 743-1549. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Bro. Donnie Wheeler, pastor.

Callaboose Community Church, Off KY-746 near Campton. Sunday morning 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Raymond Brewer, pastor.

West Liberty Mennonite Church, located off Circle Dr. Wells Hill. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Diredl Fyffe, pastor emeritis. Elder James Fyffe, 743-1567. Elder Steve Stoltzfus, 743-4195.

Faith Hills Mennonite Church, KY-172, Crockett, KY 41413. Sunday morning 9:30 am. Sunday evening second and fourth Sunday each month 7:00 pm, the fourth Sunday being song service. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome.

West Liberty United Methodist Church, corner of Main and Prestonsburg St. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening Bible study 7:00 pm. Wednesday evening 6:00 pm. UMW first Tuesday each month. Rev. Garry Jones, pastor, phone 743-3519.

Trent First Church Of God, Rt. 1, Campton, KY 41301. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. David Stamper, pastor.

Christian Faith Church Of Freedom, Murphy Fork. Every Saturday evening 6:00 pm. Todd Kidd, pastor.

Woodsbend Community Church, KY-705 North. Phone (606) 743-3580. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Children's church 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening family night ministries 7:00 pm.

Pine Branch House Of Worship, Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Raymond Mollette, pastor.

Assembly Of Faith Church, seven miles north of West Liberty on KY-519. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Harold Davis, pastor. Phone 743-4555.

Campton United Methodist Church, phone 668-3229. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:55 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm choir 7:45 pm. Rev. Alan Jackson, pastor.

Isonville Primitive Baptist Church, Isonville, KY. Phone 738-5816. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Christopher K. Harper, pastor. Everyone welcome.

West Liberty First Baptist Church, Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Children's church 11:00 am nursery provided. Sunday evening youth group 6:00 pm. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday prayer meeting 7:00 pm. David Cook, pastor. Phone 743-3722.

Bigwoods Community Church, HC 75, Wellington, KY. 40387. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible hour 7:00 pm. Phone 768-3456. Rev. Jess Brewer, pastor.

New Salem Church, Moon, KY. 1/4 mile off KY-172 on KY-1715. Every third Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Weekly Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Bro. James Wallin, pastor. Bro. Shane Ison, assistant pastor. Everyone welcome.

Lick Branch Enterprise Baptist Church, two miles off US-460 up Old KY-172. Every fourth weekend of each month. Saturday night business 6:30 pm. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Every Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Bro. Joe O. Jenkins, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Neal Howards Creek Community Church, Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Every third Thursday ladies and men's meeting 7:00 pm. Dean Lewis, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Newcombe Valley First Enterprise Baptist Church, Isonville, KY. First Saturday each month 7:00 pm. Weekly Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:45 am. Ladies Bible study/prayer group Wednesday 1:00 pm. Mike Adkins, pastor. Marvin Fannin, assistant pastor.

Tar Ridge Church Of God, Wolfe County. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 10:45 am. Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Wednesday prayer service 7:00 pm. Bro. Adam Hays, pastor.

New Hope Baptist Church, Gordon Ford. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Bro. Alonzo Johnny Dixon, pastor.

Church Of Free Worship, Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday School 11:00 am. Sunday morning 12:00 noon. Stanley Rigbsby, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Old 519 Full Gospel Church, Saturday evening 6:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm.

Tom's Branch Community Church, KY-772, West Liberty, KY.

White Oak Christian Church Disciples Of Christ, White Oak, KY 41474, phone 743-4127. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. George M. Bellamy, pastor.

Ezel Church Of God, Ezel, KY 41425, phone 725-5721.

Lee City First Church Of God, Lee City, KY, phone 662-6221. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Rev. Stanley Burnett, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Centerville Community Church, Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Harry Flannery, pastor.

Vortex Pentecostal Church, Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Rev. Leonard Cole, pastor.

Grace Baptist Church, Malone, KY. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday discipleship training 5:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study 6:00 pm. Bro. Mike Lindon, pastor.

Redbush Enterprise Baptist Church, Redbush, KY. Second Saturday evening each month 6:00 pm. Weekly Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm every third Sunday. Bro. Gerald Fyffe, pastor.

Hope Enterprise Baptist Church, KY-650, Doctor's Branch, Sandy Hook, KY. Every second Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Weekly Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Tuesday evening prayer meeting 7:00 pm. Ronnie Mayse, pastor.

Hilltop Apostolic Church, KY-7 past Bruin. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 10:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Darrell Gallihue, pastor.

Victory Christian Center, Elliott County on Blaine's Trace Road off KY-486. Sunday School 9:45 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. David Webb, pastor.

Sandfield Community Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm. Mike Brooks, pastor. Harold Stamper, assistant pastor.

Bethany Community Church, Bethany, KY. Sunday School 9:30 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Paul Roemer, pastor. Ernest Martin, youth pastor. Phone 668-3359.

Broadway First Church Of God, West Liberty, KY 41472, phone 743-3759. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 pm. Bro. Jessie Rogers, pastor.

Lacy Creek Enterprise Baptist Church, Lacy Creek, KY. Second weekend each month. Saturday evening 6:30 pm. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Every Sunday evening 6:30 pm. Bro. Tim Jenkins, pastor.

Apostolic Church Of Jesus Christ, Lytten, KY. Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Denzil B. Fannin, pastor. Phone 738-6384.

Grassy Creek Pentecostal Church, Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Johnnie Davis, pastor.

Vision Baptist Church, Rogers, KY, KY-2818, KY-715. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Wednesday evening 6:00 pm. Rev. George Oney, pastor.

Lacy Creek Church Of Christ, 2-1/2 miles off US-460 on KY-364, Cottle, KY. Phone 743-2380. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening youth service 6:00 pm. Thursday Bible study 7:00 pm. Jimmy Adkins, pastor, 743-3801. Elder Lawrence Kersey, 743-3291. Elder Dan Hitepole, 743-5430. Elder Dr. James Frederick.

Words Of Encouragement Trinity Full Gospel Mission, Trace Branch, US-460, Magoffin County. Friday evening 7:30 pm. Sunday evening 6:00 pm.

Pine Grove Community Church, Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 7:00 pm. Wednesday evening 7:00 pm. Garrie Stamper, pastor.

Straight Creek Enterprise Baptist Church, Big Mandy Road off KY-650. Every third Saturday evening 7:00 pm. Every Sunday morning 11:00 am. Darris Hammons, pastor.

Catholic Church Of The Good Shepherd, 525 Main St. Campton, KY. Phone 668-3731. Sunday mass 12:30 pm. Wednesday evening 5:30 pm.

Countryside Community Church, KY-134, Johnson Fork. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Tuesday evening 7:00 pm. David Hinton, pastor.

Kernie Freewill Baptist Church, KY-134, Johnson Fork. Sunday School 10:00 am. Sunday morning 11:00 am. Butch Whitaker, pastor. Steve Arnett, assistant pastor.

Wallowhole Independent Baptist Church, Second Saturday evening each month 7:00 pm. Second Sunday morning each month 10:30 am. Every Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Thursday prayer meeting 7:00 pm.

Horton Flats Community Baptist Church, 1.6 miles off KY-7 on KY-3353, Horton Flats Road. Sunday School 9:30 am. Sunday morning 10:30 am.

Rocky Branch Full Gospel Church, Sunday morning 10:30 am. Sunday evening 6:00 pm. Thursday evening 7:00 pm. Andrew Justice, pastor.

Wrigley Baptist Mission, KY-7, Wrigley, KY. Sunday morning fellowship 9:45 am. Sunday School 10:00 am (classes for every age plus deaf class). Sunday morning 11:00 am. Wednesday Bible study 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

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The snow falls softly and quietly from the gray winter sky. It coats the ground and trees with a mantle of pure white. How beautiful is the first snowfall, how peaceful is the winter season!

Some days we are well in need of a restful break from the busy pace of our lives. Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us "For every thing there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." Our Father provides us with the changing seasons.

As we gather at our house of worship this week, let us thank Him for winter's silent majesty, and for the panoramic kaleidoscope of all the seasons as each one passes before us and presents us with beauty beyond compare.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mark 1:1-20	Mark 1:21-45	Mark 2:1-17	Mark 3:1-19	Mark 3:20-35	Mark 2:1-15	Mark 4:1-20

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In Kentucky, the primary focus of WHIP is to restore and create early successional habitats. Planting native grasses for wildlife cover or for the dual purpose of grazing and wildlife cover are eligible practices under Kentucky's 2006 WHIP cost-share assistance.

Other eligible practices for cost-share assistance include old field regeneration, forest stand improvement, field borders, tree and shrub plantings, wildlife wa-

tering holes, shallow water areas and fencing to exclude livestock from streams, woodland, wetlands and lands planted for wildlife. Landowners must devote at least 10 acres to eligible wildlife practices. Food plots are not eligible for the program.

WHIP applications are evaluated and ranked to determine which applications provide the most beneficial habitats.

Landowners may apply for WHIP at any time. However, applications received by Jan. 31 will be evaluated and considered for the 2006 program year. Applications received after that date will be held until the next evaluation period.

Landowners interested in the program should contact the KDFWR at 1-800-858-1549 or by logging onto fw.ky.gov, or stop by their local NRCS office.

Rocky Bolin family household shower

There will be a household shower for the Rocky Bolin family of Ezel, who recently lost everything in a house fire. The shower will take place at the Woodsbend Community Church

fellowship hall at 1:30 p.m. this Saturday, Jan. 7, and is given by family and friends. The Bolins have four young children and would really appreciate any help they receive. If you have questions, call 725-5884 or 725-5311. Thank you for doing anything you can do.

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Social Security Numbers And Cards

Every year, millions of people apply for a Social Security number (SSN) or replacement card. It is important to know the rules for getting a new or replacement Social Security card before you apply. Here is a brief primer on what you need to know.

Proof Of Citizenship And Identity

There are strict requirements on what documents Social Security can accept to prove your citizenship and identity when you apply for a Social Security number (SSN). For example, only certain documents can be accepted as proof of U.S. citizenship. These include your U.S. birth certificate, a U.S. passport, a Certificate of Naturalization or a Certificate of Citizenship. In addition, if you were born in the United States and have never had an SSN, Social Security will need to verify your birth record before you can be issued a card. Today, the parents of most newborns apply for an SSN before taking the child home from the hospital. If that is the case, Social Security will not need to verify the birth record.

If you are a U.S. citizen who is applying for a replacement Social Security card, Social Security will ask you to prove your identity by providing an acceptable document that shows your name, identifying information about you and preferably a recent photograph. Examples of acceptable identity documents include your

U.S. driver's license, state-issued non-driver identification card or U.S. passport.

The rules of issuing SSNs and cards to non-citizens are also strict. Acceptable documents for proof of identity for non-citizens include current U.S. immigration documents such as Form I-551, I-94 with an unexpired foreign passport or a work permit card from the Department of Homeland Security (I-766 or I-688B).

Name Changes

For Brides And Others

Each year, millions of people change their name. Whether due to a marriage, divorce or any other situation, reporting a name change to Social Security helps ensure that you will receive proper credit for your earnings and, one day, the Social Security benefits based on those earnings. If you need to change your name on your Social Security card, you must show proof of your legal name change. Accept documents include a marriage license or certificate, a divorce decree stating that you may change your name or a court order for a name change. If the documents that you provide do not give enough identifying information about you, Social Security will ask that you also provide a document showing your old name and a second document with your new name.

Limits On Replacement Cards

There are limits on the number of Social Security replacement cards you can get. You are limited to three replacement cards in a year and 10 during your lifetime. But name changes, such as might occur when you get married, do not count toward these limits. And changes in citizenship status that require card updates may not count toward these lim-

its. Also, you may not be subject to these limits if you can prove you need the card to prevent a significant hardship.

Why Social Security Has These Rules

These rules, prescribed by law, help ensure that only those who should receive an SSN do so. They make SSNs less accessible to those with criminal intent and prevent individuals from using false or stolen birth records or immigration documents to obtain an SSN. You can call the Ashland Social Security Office for more information at 606-324-0516.

Bernard O'Nan is the district manager at the Ashland Social Security Office. A representative from the Ashland office visits West Liberty every non-holiday Monday at the Community Center starting at 8:30 a.m. The Ashland office can be reached at 606-324-0516.

Growing At Grace

Our Christmas day service was wonderful! Our attendance was low and if you were not there, you missed a beautiful tribute to our Lord and Savior. We sang "Happy Birthday Jesus" and were reminded once again of the awesome gift that God has given us.

Brother Chuck Evans, formerly of West Liberty, was our guest speaker. It is always great to have him and his family visit. His message was about the miracle of Jesus's birth taken from the first chapter of Luke. Our Hands of Praise Team performed and did a terrific job, as always! We are very proud of each of the young people who devote their time to learning this way of showing their love for God.

Our thoughts, our prayers and all our love go to Pastor Mike Lindon and his family. They have had to deal with the loss of two members of their family this month. Pastor Mike's sister, Georgia Lindon, passed on Dec. 6, and his father, Raymond Lindon, passed on Dec. 28. We pray for God to give them the strength and courage to deal with their sorrow.

We thank God for all the things Grace Baptist Church accomplished in this past year and look forward to what He has in store for us in this new year. Even through his sorrow, Pastor Mike's message on New Year's Day dealt with the vision and mission of our church. As always, our mission is to grow everyday in every way in order to propagate God's will by looking up inwardly as we study pray, sing and praise God, and by reaching outward to a lost and dying world. This is why we are here!

Grace Baptist Church is located on Rt. 191 in Malone. We love having visitors and everyone is welcome! We wish everyone a blessed and peaceful New Year!

Twenty-Six

By Sherry Bailey

Jan. 2 - Happy New Year! May the New Year be happier (and healthier) for all of us.

My daughter, Andrea Maynard, had surgery for thyroid cancer on November 4, 2005. She has to have one treatment, a radioactive iodine treatment, on

January 12. I would appreciate your prayers for God to let the treatment cure what it is supposed to and not to harm anything it's not supposed to. I'm very concerned about the possible side effects, but I have to remind myself that we serve a great big God, who is more than able to take care of her.

The Twenty-Six Community extends welcome wishes to Christopher Moore, Cody and Anthony Lagana, who are the great-grandchildren of Joe and Kathy Sandford. They are now residing in the Sandford household and are attending Ezel School. The Sandfords would like to thank the Zag Community Church, which sent gifts by Rev. and Mrs. Donald Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald McGuire, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Standafer; the First Church of God in West Liberty; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ballard of West Liberty, and anyone else who helped the children have a very Merry Christmas.

Recent visitors of Bill and Phyllis Brogan were Debbie Riggs, Michael, Nickles from Centerville, Ohio.

Gary and Ruth Williams visited Christmas Eve with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Cole, and grandchildren, Devan, Tyler, and Teretha. Altogether, there were approximately twenty-two people attending the get-together.

Our condolences and prayers go out to the Lindon family who recently lost their father (and husband), Raymond, and sister (and daughter), Georgia, only a little over three weeks apart. A loss of one family member is hard under any circumstances, but it's especially hard when you lose two so close together. May God wrap his loving arms around you and sustain you through this time of grief.

Our prayers go out to Kathy Perkins, Tom and Lois Standafer's daughter, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable cancer. Kathy, don't give up. Even though it sometimes seems hopeless, trust God for your healing. There are some things the doctors can't do. But NOTHING is too big for God! My husband, Bill, was diagnosed with "inoperable," "incurable" cancer in 1999. The doctors saw no hope for him to be here for more than a few weeks, or months at the most. He had a mass about the size of a naval orange that was wrapped all around a main artery coming into the mesentery, which is the blood supply for the bowels. They said they couldn't remove it because the bowels would die and he would die. So they sewed him up and gave us no hope. The doctor said the cancer was all through the mesentery (lower abdominal region). I didn't know about that large mass until later. My husband refused to accept a death sentence. Lots of people anointed and prayed for him. One evening a couple of dear old Pentecostal prayer warriors came into his room and said, "The Lord sent us here to pray for you." Bill said when they prayed for him, it was like the walls of that room came alive with an awesome presence. He said when they laid hands on him "something" went all over him. That large mass never showed up again. When he went to Columbus to the cancer hospital for a second opinion, they wanted to see all his previous x-rays, CT scans, etc., that had been done at our local hospital and then they did their own. They couldn't find that large mass ever again. They said it was "no longer present." So, hang in there, Kathy, and trust God.

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Also known as low blood sugar and insulin reaction, hypoglycemia occurs from time to time in most people with diabetes, even among those who work hard to keep their diabetes under control. It can occur at any time of day and for a variety of reasons, ranging from over-using drugs to treat diabetes to exercising harder than usual.

How do you know if that headache is a warning sign? The most important and accurate measure is a blood glucose reading of 70 mg/dL or lower; that is the benchmark for hypoglycemia. Other symptoms include:

- Shakiness
- Dizziness
- Sweating
- Paleness
- Unexplained behavioral changes (moodiness, crying)
- Clumsy or jerky movements
- Confusion
- Tingling around the mouth
- Seizure
- Loss of consciousness

The first line of defense against morning hypoglycemia is to check your blood sugar

regularly, especially just before bedtime. If your reading is below 120 mg/dL, eat a larger bedtime snack than usual and make sure it contains carbohydrates and protein.

You must follow your schedule for eating and taking medications as closely as possible, and be aware of how changes in that schedule can affect your blood sugar. Eating dinner earlier than usual, for example, or skipping your nighttime snack, can bring on morning hypoglycemia. Drinking alcohol in the evening, especially without eating, can cause morning hypoglycemia as well. Exercising regularly is an important part of a healthy lifestyle. However, be aware that if you exercise harder or longer on a particular day, you should be prepared to eat a bit more to keep your blood sugar level from dropping too low.

If you feel any symptoms of hypoglycemia, check your blood glucose reading immediately. If it is 70 mg/dL or lower, quickly drink a half-cup of any fruit juice or regular—not diet—soft drink, eat five or six pieces of hard candy, or take two to three glucose tablets. Be careful not to over-treat. It could take up to 15 minutes

for these measures to take effect; if you over-consume sugar, you may go quickly from having blood sugar that is too low to having blood sugar that is too high. After 15 minutes, check your blood sugar again; if it is still low, repeat the treatment.

If you have several episodes of hypoglycemia, be sure to discuss the problem with your doctor. You may need to change your medication or your dosing regimen.



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FRENCHBURG — The Kentucky Public Service Commission has granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to Clark Energy Cooperative to construct a new branch office building in Frenchburg, Kentucky.

The project is a joint effort of the City of Frenchburg and Clark Energy to construct a commercial duplex structure to provide office space for Clark Energy and also provide a community area for the citizens of Menifee County.

To be located at the corner of Hwy. 36 and Bible Camp Road, both facilities will total approximately 10,000 sq. ft. The Frenchburg Community Economic Training Center will occupy 8,000 sq. ft. of the structure and will offer a community kitchen, restroom facilities with showers, two

classrooms, two office spaces and a meeting area that will accommodate 144 people. Construction of the community center is being made possible through a Community Development Block Grant received from the Kentucky Governor's Office for Local Development and funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Clark Energy's branch offices will be housed in 2,000 sq. ft. of the duplex structure and share a common foyer and public restroom facilities with the community center. The new branch office will offer a drive-thru window for added convenience for Clark Energy members and materials will also be stored on site to mitigate the need to drive to Winchester for supplies.

Three Forks Regional Jail reports positive balance for December

BEATTYVILLE — Three Forks Regional Jail Board Chair Richard Adams reported at the jail's Dec. 15 board meeting that the jail expected a \$20,000 balance at the end of December.

This positive balance is the first the jail has had in nearly two years. The \$20,000 balance exists despite a \$14,213 bill for attorney fees from the firm representing the bond holder, the Bank of New York. In addition to the attorney fees, the board has also paid off its liability insurance and the cost of its audit.

Junction News

By Kathy Bolin

Jan. 2 — Greetings from the Junction,

I hope that everyone had a good Christmas; now it is time to move on with our lives in a new year.

I had my daughter, Shan, in for Christmas. Then after Christmas, I went to Ohio and spent several days with my sister, and visited with my granddaughter, nieces and nephews. On Saturday, I came home in time to enjoy New Year's with my husband. It was rush, rush, rush, but I was thankful to be with family.

On Dec. 22, Terry and Lee Ann Wireman had a new addition arrive in their family. Brother Dereck welcomed a sister, Terra

LaShay. Terra weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Wireman!

A couple of birthdays missed over the holidays were Pam Pennington, wife of Rodney Pennington, of Lower Sand Lick. Then on Jan. 7, Emily Bailey, daughter of Henry Bailey Jr. and Rhonda Bailey, will be celebrating a birthday on the same day as myself. Emily and I celebrate our birthdays with breakfast and a shopping trip. Happy birthday to all!

On Sunday, Jan. 15, Two For One will be performing at the Elkfork Community church in the Sunday morning worship service, at 11 a.m. Please try to attend; they are a great group.

Well, gotta go... See you next week!

Johnson Co. dentist faces fraud charges

FRANKFORT — Dec. 28 — Attorney General Greg Stumbo announced that a Johnson County dentist will be arraigned Jan. 6 in Franklin Circuit Court. Gary D. Brown, 49, was indicted in December and arrested on six felony counts of devising or engaging in a scheme to defraud the Kentucky Medicaid Program.

Brown, who practices in Paintsville, allegedly billed and was paid for dental retainers that were not provided to patients or were not provided as billed. Each county of the indictment carries a maximum term of five years in prison.

The case was referred to Stumbo's office by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services Office of Inspector General.

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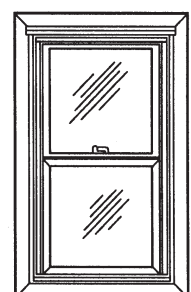
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(Pub. Jan. 5, 12)

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For questions and complete bid specifications, please contact John Maxey, District Technology Coordinator at (606) 743-8002. The above named board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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COURIER SPORTS

Cougars defeat Ludlow and Lloyd Memorial at Campbell Invitational

Adkins' 18 points leads Morgan over Ludlow

By David Patrick

Devan Adkins scored 10 of his team-high 18 points in the first quarter as the Cougars routed Ludlow at the Campbell County Invitational, 65-42.

Adkins hit two three-pointers in the eight minute stretch for Morgan, helping the Cougars to a 16-4 lead. Ludlow would get 10 points from the 6'9" center Dan Penick in the second period, outscoring Morgan County 13-9 over the period to trim the deficit to eight at intermission.

But Matthew Perry's team would use a strong third quarter to put the game out of reach. Nathaniel Peyton and Blake McCowan combined for 10 of Morgan's 19 points in the period as the Cougars pushed the lead out to 13. Katlin Haney would

then put the finishing touches on the victory, scoring nine points in the fourth period as the Cougars closed out the convincing 65-42 win.

Adkins's 18 points led a balanced scoring attack for Morgan, which also included 13 points from Nathaniel Peyton and 12 by Katlin Haney. Blake McCowan

scored nine points and grabbed nine boards, while Derrick Young finished with five. Wes Williams and Wes Montgomery each had three points. Brandon Ferguson came off the bench to contribute two.

Morgan hit six of 10 of its three-point attempts, including three of four from Devan Adkins. The Cougars also converted nine of 13 from the free-throw line.

Williams, Haney FT's seal L. Memorial win

Wes Williams and Katlin Haney each converted a pair of free-throws over the final minute of regulation as the Cougars beat Lloyd Memorial, 45-42.

Morgan County held a slim 41-40 lead before the players buried the crucial free-throws, giving Morgan its second straight win since dropping the tourney

opener.

Nathaniel Peyton scored five early points as Morgan and Lloyd Memorial played to a 10-10 tie after one quarter. Peyton then added another four points in the second period as his team remained tied at intermission at 24 apiece. The Cougars scored only 10 points in the third period, but managed to hold Lloyd Memorial to a game-low six points over the same quarter as Morgan took a 32-28 lead into the final eight minutes.

Lloyd Memorial's Trent Grayson made life hard on the Cougars in the fourth quarter, scoring 12 of his team's 14 points. But Matthew Perry's team managed to hold on, getting the aforementioned key free-throws from Williams and Haney in the game's final stages to lock down the three-point victory.

Black McCowan and Nathaniel Peyton led the Cougar offensive effort with 14 and 13 points, respectively. Katlin Haney scored nine points, with Devan Adkins adding five. Wes Williams and Wes Montgomery finished with two points each. The victory improves the Cougars to 10-1 on the season, the best start for a Matthew Perry-coached Morgan County team.

Football banquet slated Saturday, Jan. 17th

The annual Quarterback Club Football Banquet is scheduled Saturday, Jan. 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the MCHS cafeteria. Banquet will be potluck. For more information, call 743-3832

Lady Cougars face tough competition in Boyle Christmas Tournament

By David Patrick Lady Cougars vs. Marion County

Nicole Browning and Amber Mudd finished with 16 points apiece as Marion County rolled to a 67-48 victory over the Lady Cougars.

Marion led by nine after one quarter, then maintained a 32-23 advantage at intermission. After pushing the lead to 10 after three quarters of play, Marion blew the game open in the final eight minutes, outscoring the Lady Cougars 19-10 for the 19-point win.

Leslie Eagle scored 18 points and grabbed seven steals for Donna Robinson's team, while Jacey Curd finished with 16 points. Hannah Fugate scored six points and pulled down a team-best seven rebounds. Deanna Williams and Kayla Kelly both scored four, while combining for seven rebounds.

Lady Cougars vs. Betsy Layne

Morgan County blew a 15-point first quarter lead, eventually falling to Betsy Layne in Danville, 54-48.

The Lady Cougars could do little wrong over the first eight minutes, jumping out to a commanding 18-3 lead. But things took a turn for the worst in the second quarter as Betsy Layne outscored Morgan 20-9 to cut the deficit to four at the half, 27-23.

The Lady Cats grabbed the lead early in the second half, posting a 16-point third quarter to take a two point advantage heading into the fourth. Betsy Layne then won its third straight quarter, outscoring the Lady Cougars by four over the final eight minutes for the 6-point come-from-behind victory.

Leslie Eagle led Morgan with 20 points, while Kayla Kelly and Jacey Curd finished with eight and seven points, respectively.

Kaitlin Lawson led Betsy Layne with 20 points. Megan Hamilton added 12 points and four steals.

Lady Cougars vs. North Laurel

North Laurel outscored the Lady Cougars 17-5 in the second quarter, brekaing open what was only a three-point game en route to a 60-42 victory in Danville.

Morgan County played right with North Laurel for three quarters, but that lone period proved to be the team's downfall as the Lady Cougars dropped the holiday tourney game.

Leslie Eagle scored 19 points to lead the Lady Cougars, while Hannah Fugate and Jacey Curd finished with eight apiece. Cassie Bowersock and Allyssa Dullen tallied four and three points, respectively.

Megan Howard failed to score, but did grab a game-high seven rebounds.

W. Carter ace sinks Lady Cougars with 36 pt. performance

Eagle paces locals with 22

By David Patrick

West Carter proved deserving of the 16th region's top ranking, scoring 59 of its 79 points in the first half alone, en route to a 28-point victory in Olive Hill.

Ten players scored for the Lady Comets, led by the incredible long range shooting of Audra Perry. The West Carter senior accounted for 10 of her team's 11 three-point field goals as the Lady Comets hit 58 percent from the perimeter.

Freshman Leslie Eagle played all 32 minutes for Morgan, scoring 22 points and grabbing three steals. Hannah Fugate finished with 11 points and a game-high seven rebounds in 24 minutes of action.

West Carter held a commanding 29-15 lead at the end of the quarter before taking a 59-26 lead at intermission. Morgan did manage to play within three points of the Lady Comets in the third period, before winning the final quarter, 16-8.

West Carter won the bench scoring, 17-5, while outrebounding the Lady Cougars, 34-28.



Chess team with trophies: James Holbrook, Mitchell Conley, Alex Spencer, James Phipps, and Coach Armstrong.

MCHS Chess Team places 3rd in Lexington tourney

A perfect (four win) performance in the third round of the Lexington Traditional Middle School Scholastic Chess Tournament boosted the Morgan County High School chess team to a third place finish. This was the team's second tournament of the year, and their second third place finish. Seven Kentucky high schools

competed in the day-long event at P. L. Dunbar High School, in Lexington.

Three team members won individual honors in the Under 900 section. Alex Spencer placed third, Mitchell Conley placed fourth, and James Holbrook placed fifth. Each scored two wins apiece.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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MCHS Girls' Basketball Team

This week's athlete of the week is Freshman point guard Leslie Eagle. During the Bath County Subway Classic she averaged 17.5 points, 3 assists, and 2 steals per game. Leslie was named to the all tournament teams, as the Lady Cougars finished Runners-Up in the tournament. Leslie's exceptional ball handling skills and knack for finding the basket have contributed to her leading the team in scoring. Good Luck Leslie and the Lady Cougars with the remainder of the season.

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A 'Divine Wind' at Okinawa

By Tony Adkins

Robert Byrd Lawson was born 22 April 1926 at Hazel Green, Ky. He was the son of Lidge and Ida Helton Lawson. Robert enlisted in the United States Navy Reserve on 20 September 1944 at Huntington, W.Va. After training he was assigned to USS Patrol Craft 462 in the Philippine Island area. These craft were used along coastal waters to look for Japanese submarines or troop landing craft trying to unload troops and supplies at night. It was 173 feet long and had a speed of 22 knots. Armament consisted of one 3 inch gun, one 40 MM quad mount (4 barrel) gun, five 20MM anti-aircraft guns plus depth charge racks and throwers. The crew consisted of 65 officers and enlisted men. She was powered by two diesels and twin screws putting out 2,280 horsepower. Robert was wounded while aboard during late 1944 or early 1945.

After recovering from his wounds he was transferred to the Receiving Station, U.S. Naval Advanced Base #140 at Espiritito Santo, New Hebrides. He was assigned to the USS Rall, DE 304, a sleek 1,140 foot destroyer escort vessel crewed by 215 officers and men. Armament consisted of three 3 inch guns; six "tub" mounted 20 MM anti-aircraft guns; one 40M quad (four barreled) gun, plus depth charge throwers and racks. The 20 MM guns were mounted in an armored turret that resembled a large tub.

The Rall was commissioned 8 April 1944 at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, California. She was named after Lt. JG Richard R. Rall, who was killed during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Seaman 2nd Class Robert B. Lawson and eleven other sailors were taken by a landing craft loaded with cases of supplies, through the harbor to the Rall on 21 March, 1945 and logged in by the Officer of the Day. The harbor was crowded with all types of warships, troopships and cargo vessels as preparations were underway for supporting the invasion of Okinawa.

The Rall had been assigned as a screening vessel for troop transports carrying the U.S. Army's 27th Infantry Division. Her crew members were on the lookout for Japanese submarines and would put their ship between the transports and a submarine if necessary. The convoy left Espiritito Santo on 25 March bound for the Ryukyu Islands. Several sonar contacts were made, one with an unidentified submarine, but no attacks were made on the convoy. A floating sea mine was spotted by the lookout and exploded by gunfire. The task group arrived off Okinawa on 9 April and the 27th Division made ready to go ashore in support of the invasion.

The Rall took up a position about 10 miles off the west coast of Okinawa near the small island of Shiima. War correspondent Ernie Pile was killed there during the battle. Destroyers and destroyer escorts were stationed around the island in a picket line at one mile intervals to watch for incoming enemy planes, ships or submarines.

The first few days were quiet and uneventful but they had been forewarned to be alert for a new Japanese tactic that had been used in the Philippines. Instead of the usual bombing attacks Japanese pilots had crashed their planes directly into American ships.

In 1281 Kublai Kahn organized a large Mongol armada to invade and conquer Japan. The Japanese had no means to repel such a force and defeat seemed certain. Just before the armada reached Japan a mighty typhoon destroyed much of the armada and dispersed the rest. The Japanese believed that Divine intervention had saved their homeland. The typhoon was known afterward as Kamikaze or Divine Wind. By late 1944 the Japanese homeland was in danger of an invasion by allied forces and the people were looking for another miracle. In the Philippines the remnants of Japanese Naval Air Forces counted less than 100 air

craft. On 19 October 1944 at Mabalacat, Luzon, Philippines, a black staff car arrived at the Japanese 201st Air Group Headquarters. As Vice Admiral Tajijiro Ohnishi emerged Commander Asaichi Tamai wondered what could possibly bring such an important visitor to his small airport. Admiral Ohnishi solemnly discussed the grave situation of the war and his idea of forming the remaining pilots and aircraft in the Philippines into a Special Attack group. The pilots would fly one way missions carrying as many bombs as possible. They would deliberately dive their planes into American warships making it possible for Japanese submarines and warships to attack troop transports and cargo ships unloading at Leyte. Commander Tamai agreed but asked to be allowed to form the group.

He called all pilots together and asked for volunteers and all the present volunteered with much enthusiasm and joy. There were more pilots than planes and this



Seaman 2nd Class Robert Byrd Lawson,

caused some sadness as some would be left out. The unit was named by Captain Rikihel Inoguchi. It would be known as the Shimpu Unit, Shimpu being another way to spell Kamikaze.

Japanese scout planes spotted an American task force off Leyte on 21 October. The Special Attack Unit pilots raced to their bomb laden planes and took off but could not find the ships because of foggy weather. They again flew out on the 25th and had their first success. Two Kamikazes dove into the escort carrier St. Lo and sank it. Many more planes were flown to the Philippines to keep the unit up to strength. The final mission was flown on 9 January 1945 by the last five operational Zero fighters in the Philippines. One US mine sweeper was sunk and several other ships damaged. Between 25 October 1944 and 9 January 1945, 424 Japanese planes made attacks against the U.S. Navy. They sank sixteen ships and killed several hundred American sailors.

Early on the morning of 12 April 1945 the USS Rall was patrolling off Okinawa at a speed of 7 knots. A flight of Japanese planes came over the picket line but all ships held their fire to prevent giving away their positions. One of the planes spotted them and headed back and made an unsuccessful attack against a ship in line ahead of the Rall. At dawn word was flashed to the picket ships that a large flight of planes had been picked up on radar and was headed toward them. At 1325 hours the flight was 20 miles out and had been identified as enemy planes. All hands had been at their battle stations throughout the night and were ready to meet the expected attack. At 1430 the leading planes of a flight of several hundred (estimated 500) came into view and headed right for the picket line. American F-4U Corsair fighter planes were mixed in among the invaders making close range attacks. Japanese planes were seen exploding and falling into the sea. The Corsairs had to break off the attack when they came into range of the Navy's anti-aircraft guns. Up the line from the Rall the destroyer Laffey was hit by several Kamikazes and put out of commission.

The Rall's captain ordered full speed ahead (18 knots) as the main formation drew closer. Seven attackers peeled off and headed in their direction and reality set in for the crew. Those planes and pilots coming at them had only one purpose, to sink their ship and kill as many of the crew as possible. Lt. Richard Graves, S2C Lawson's Section Officer, said that the planes be-

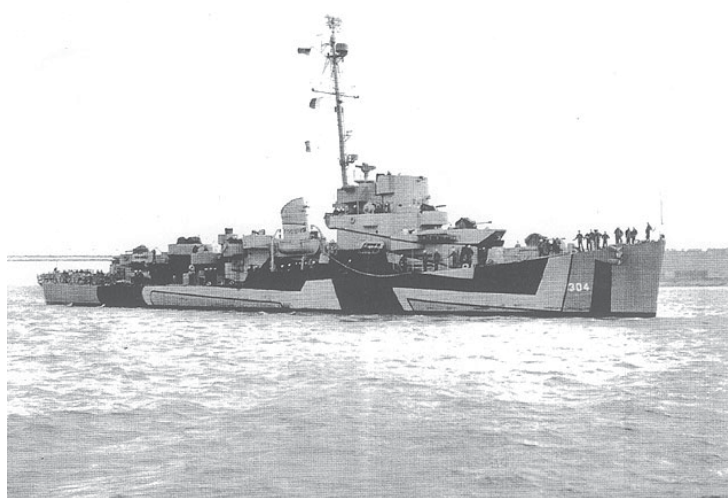
gan to circle them "like and old time Indian attack against a wagon train." One broke out of the circle and hit a destroyer to their port side. Another headed in but was shot down by gunners on the battleship Tennessee. One headed for their starboard side and the captain ordered evasive action. The 3 inch guns and the quad 40 opened up and made several hits on the plane. As it came into range (1500 yards) of the starboard 20 MM guns, Lt. Graves ordered them to open fire. Robert Lawson was handling 60 round ammunition magazines for these guns. It took 20 seconds to fire a magazine and 20 seconds for the incoming enemy to cover 1500 yards. The gunners started with "bursts" to get the range then full auto to bring the plane down. Pieces began falling off the plane as hits were scored but it kept closing on the ship. The plane hit the water a hundred yards out but skipped back into the air. Lt. Graves hit the deck and felt a tremendous shudder and heard two explosions.

The forward 3 inch gun continued firing on other incoming planes. One plane made a strafing run down the entire length of the ship. Suddenly there was silence and the attack was over. Three sailors were lying near Lt. Graves dead or wounded. The attack lasted an estimated 30 seconds and the gunners brought down four of the attackers but could not stop the fifth one.

The plane struck the Rall just above the water line on the starboard side and penetrated the ship at sick bay. All personnel at that station were killed outright. The plane's engine tore loose and crashed into the ammo clipping room, killing all men in that section. The plane was carrying an armor piercing shell instead of a bomb. The shell skidded along a bulkhead, passed through the ship and exploded about 15 feet out from the port side. The resulting blast back and shrapnel wiped out the crews of the 3 inch gun (number 3 position), the quad 40 and all three port side 20 MM guns. The upper deck was a shambles with small fires at various points along the ship. An estimated one thousand small shrapnel holes were in the port side all the way down to the water line. All available personnel were dispatched to check damage and to help tend the wounded. The ship's doctor and two pharmacist's mates were all unharmed in the attack.

Communications Officer Herman Rosenmund went aft to check on the condition of the ship. One of the first wounded he came to was Robert Lawson. He was sitting against one of the 20mm gun positions (tub) with a severe abdominal wound. Rosenmund gave him a morphine shot but could not stop the bleeding. Robert was fully conscious and aware of the events around him. He asked for a cigarette and said, "This is a lot worse than the last time. Will you please see that my sister gets my Purple Heart"? He died from his wounds a few minutes later. Lt. Graves told me that "S2C Robert B. Lawson served his country with valor and stood firm at his battle station in the face of heavy enemy fire. His last conscious thoughts were of his sister and he died courageously without pain."

At dusk the USS Rall anchored next to the hospital ship USS Pinkney and transferred 38



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Japanese plane that hit the Roll

wounded men for treatment. The pilot's body was found amid the rubble on deck and some crewmembers unceremoniously "dropped" it overboard. Nineteen crewmen were killed outright and two more died from their wounds. A small boat pulled along side to remove the dead. They were wrapped in sheets and lay in a row among the carnage of the quarter deck. The captain announced that President Roosevelt had died but at the time Lt. Graves said that no one seemed to notice or think much about it. The fallen sailors were taken ashore and buried in the US Armed Forces Temporary Cemetery #1, Fuenzan, Okinawa. Robert was buried in Plot 1, Row 9, Grave 314. A certificate of death (Navy Medical Form N) was placed in a burial bottle and buried with him. Lt. Commander C.B Taylor, Captain of the Rall, wrote Mr. and Mrs. Lawson a letter on 20 April 1945. He expressed his sympathy for the loss of their son and told them that he

died at 3:00 P.M. on 12 April, 1945 from wounds that were fatal.

He said "He was given a Christian burial ashore. I am enclosing a check for \$100 that was found in his possession. His personal effects will be sent to you as soon as possible. Your son was extremely well thought of and liked by all officers and men who served with him. He was our shipmate and his loss is deeply felt by all of us. May God grant him eternal rest and comfort you for your loss."

The Rall returned to Pearl Harbor after temporary repairs then on to San Diego for a major refitting. Just after the repairs were finished and sea trials completed World War II ended. The Rall was taken to Charleston Navy Yard in September and decommissioned. She was struck from the Navy Register on 3 January 1946 and sold for scrap 18 March 1947. She earned three battle stars for her World War II service.

In 1947 Mr. and Mrs. Lawson decided to have their son returned to Morgan County for burial. On August 17, 1948, his remains were placed in a standard gray military casket under the supervision of Captain F.T. DeGroodt, Graves Registration Services, and transferred to the United States Military Mausoleum on Siapan. He was brought to the States and on to the Columbus, Ohio, General Depot, arriving 28 January 1949. They were notified that their son would leave Columbus on 24 February at 11:25 A.M. On Train #21, Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. The train would arrive at Mt. Sterling at 6:58 A.M. 25 February. Eastin Richey Funeral Home of Mt. Sterling would bring S2C Robert B. Lawson and his military escort to Ezel. Robert was buried in the Old Grassy Cemetery.

There were 51 Destroyer Escort at Okinawa and 31 were hit by Kamikazes. Thirty four ships were sunk during the battle and 368 damaged. Over 9,000 U.S. Navy personnel became casualties in the attacks. The United States Army and Marine Corps suffered over 40,000 casualties during the battle, 7,000 of them deaths. After atomic bombs were dropped on two Japanese cities their government announced the decision to surrender unconditionally to the Allies on 15 August 1945. Admiral Ohnishi, the planner of the Special Attack Units, committed Hara-Kari at his residence in Tokyo on the morning of the 16th. He died believing he had failed the Emperor.

Between 20 October when the unit was formed and the end of World War II over 2,300 Japanese pilots made suicide attacks against American Naval Forces. Many were shot down but the remainder sank dozens of ships (including three aircraft carriers) and damaged hundreds more. Thousands of U.S. Naval personnel were killed and wounded in this last desperate attempt by the Japanese to stop the inevitable invasion of their homeland.

Merle Nickell served aboard the seaplane tender USS Norton Sound during the Okinawa battle. He stated, "Those poor boys on the picket line caught the brunt of the attack and really suffered for it."

There are many detailed accounts of the Okinawa invasion and resulting battle for anyone interested in learning more.

Sources: Lt. Richard Graves, pictures and personal account; Mrs. Rosetta Combs, Robert's sister; National Archives; *The Divine Wind*; Inoguchi; *Men of Poseidon*; Graves; Dr. Merle Nickell.

Cabinet announces new program for van drivers

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has announced a new van driver safety program which serves those who need to operate 15-passenger vans.

The cabinet is now offering his comprehensive online driver safety program in cooperation with the Kentucky Transportation Center and the National Safety Council.

"This offering underscores the commitment which Gov. Fletcher and I have made to all Kentuckians," Transportation Cabinet Secretary Bill Nighbert said. "Highway safety is a top priority in this administration. Engineering and safety improvements for our highway system are key components to any driver safety strategy. Equally important are our public awareness campaigns and education programs like this one."

The new course, "Coaching the Van Driver II," highlights the differences between vans and cars and teaches drivers how to compensate for those differences. The course focuses on such basics as backing and blind spots, as well as safe stopping points, and drop off procedures when transporting passengers.

Participation in this training program is mandatory for any state employee who drives one of the state fleet's 15-passenger vans. In fact, after Jan. 1, no state employee will be permitted to

drive a 15-passenger van without having completed the course.

"Coaching the Van Driver II" will also be offered to local government employees, consultant and contractor personnel, colleges, churches and the general public.

"This particular driver safety program narrows the focus of driver education to those who need to use these larger vehicles," Secretary Nighbert added. "In more than one sense, we're thinking large here, and not just in terms of the size of the vehicle. We're thinking of the extent to which this course will affect overall public safety as a result of strengthening skills for all drivers of large vans."

Registration for this online driver safety program is available at http://kyt2.com/van_driver_coaching_program.htm.

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